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Heidelberg won its second straight Division I volleyball title with a win over Frankfurt International School on Saturday in Kaiserslautern, Germany. See story, Page 46.



Dameon Outley breaks the tackle of Baumholder's T.J. Whalley during Saturday's Division III championship in Baumholder, Germany. Ansbach won its 24th straight game and third straight Div. III crown, 54-14.

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## News Tracker ... What's new with old news

## States

**Jackson case:** With Michael Jackson's child molestation trial set to begin Jan. 31, a California judge scheduled an exhaustive series of hearings to resolve all pretrial motions and advised lawyers for both sides he won't consider any delays.

Also on Friday, lawyers on both sides spent hours poring over file folders seized by sheriff's deputies from the home of Jackson's personal assistant to sort out those that would be considered confidential. They were not released in open court.

**Peterson deliberations:** After a third day of deliberations, jurors in Scott Peterson's murder trial retired to a hotel in Redwood City, Calif., where they are prohibited from discussing the case and are not allowed visitors.

The jurors are only permitted to watch sports and movies from a court-approved selection on television until they resume deliberations Monday.

Judge Alfred A. Delucchi has reversed course and barred live television coverage of the verdict, citing concern for the families of Peterson and his wife, Laci, whom he is accused of killing around Christmas Eve 2002. The verdict will be captured on a live audio feed, which radio and TV stations will be allowed to broadcast.

**Slaying of Williams half-sister:** A judge declared a mistrial Friday in the case of one of two men charged in the September 2003 slaying of the half-sister of tennis stars Venus and Serena Williams.

The jury reported it was 9-3 in favor of acquitting Aaron Michael Hammer, said district attorney's office spokeswoman Sandi Gibbons.

Hammer, 25, was accused of shooting at Yvonne Price with a .22-caliber handgun. Prosecutors said the shot that killed Price wasn't from that weapon, but state law allows a murder charge for taking part in a crime in which a person is killed by someone else.

**Internet organ donor:** A Tennessee man who donated his kidney to a dialysis patient he met through the Internet has accepted a television show's offer to take a lie detector test aimed at rebutting claims he was paid.

Rob Smitty's decision to donate his kidney to Bob Hickey of Colorado came after the two met through a for-profit Web site that matches donors and patients for a fee.

Smitty's lawyer, Bill Speck, said he now must rebut the "presumption that most people have that he did it for money or personal gain." He said such questions, if left unanswered, "will prevent other people from coming forward and doing altruistic and kind acts."

Speck said he will travel with Smitty to Los Angeles for a Nov. 13 lie-detector test offered by the PAX TV network for its planned "Lie Detector" series.

## Military

**Army captain's request:** The Army has agreed to honorably discharge an Army captain who challenged his assignment to Iraq in court, saying he had properly resigned.

Jay Ferriola, 31, emerged smiling from U.S. District Court on Friday after his lawyer, Barry Slotnick, told a judge that Ferriola was withdrawing his legal challenge because the Army on Wednesday had formally and honorably discharged him.

Ferriola, a New Yorker who had served in South Korea and Bosnia, said he brought his



Mount St. Helens lava levels: Magma in the crater of Mount St. Helens glows in this U.S. Geological Survey photo taken at twilight Thursday from the Johnston Ridge Observatory. Scientists say the lava dome in the crater of the volcano has risen more than 300 feet since the last week of October.

lawsuit two weeks ago because he was assigned to Iraq even though he had told the Army in June that he was resigning because his eight-year term was finished.

**Air Force GPS launch:** After a series of delays, a Boeing Delta 2 rocket carrying a Global Positioning System satellite for the Air Force roared into space early Saturday. The launch took place shortly after midnight and lit up the slightly overcast sky, dramatically silhouetting a bank of nearby clouds.

After a three-week checkout period, the spacecraft is set to become the 30th operational unit in the GPS constellation. The system requires a minimum of 24 satellites to operate at full capacity.

## World

**Ivory Coast attack:** The French military attacked an airport in the capital of Ivory Coast, destroying an unspecified number of aircraft, the head of Ivory Coast's military operations said Saturday.

It was not immediately clear if the Ivory Coast army official was referring to a separate attack from a French-Ivory Coast clash that destroyed three Ivorian aircraft, or giving a different account of how those three aircraft were destroyed.

"The planes were destroyed by shots from the French military at Yamoussoukro airport," Col. Philippe Mangout told The Associated Press. "The planes were on the ground."

**France headscarf expulsions:** Four Muslim teenagers were expelled from high schools in eastern France under a new law that bans the wearing of Islamic head scarves and other obvious religious symbols in classrooms, school officials said Saturday.

Disciplinary panels at two high schools in the Alsace region ordered the expulsions Friday evening, the officials said. Two other girls in area schools were awaiting similar rulings on Saturday.

At least a dozen girls have been expelled under a new law banning Islamic head scarves, Jewish skullcaps and large Christian crosses at public schools. The law took effect at the start of the school year.

**Bosnia mass grave:** After having exhumed 451 bodies, forensic experts concluded work on the second-largest mass grave

found in Bosnia since the 1992-95 war ended, an official said Saturday.

Identification documents found in the grave indicated that the dead appeared to be Bosnian Muslims and Croats who had lived in and around the town of Prijedor, about 110 miles northwest of Sarajevo, Esad Bajramovic, a member of the missing persons commission in the Muslim-Croat part of Bosnia said.

Many of those in the grave believed to have been killed in the Omarska and Keraterm concentration camps in 1992, Bajramovic said.

Experts had been working for three months on the grave in Stari Kevljani, near Prijedor. It is the 51st mass grave found in the Prijedor area.

**East Timor acquittal:** The only Indonesian official to be punished for violence that

killed up to 2,000 East Timorese in 1999 has been released from jail, following a court decision that overturned his conviction, officials said.

Abilio Jose Soares, East Timor's former governor, left Jakarta's Cipinang prison late Friday, saying "The Supreme Court decision has put the law on its right track."

"Now, I only wish to live with my family as a good citizen," he told reporters.

The acquittal has dismayed rights activists who urged Jakarta to punish those responsible.

## Business

**Arms dealer-Boeing lawsuit:** A jury has awarded an international arms dealer \$3.6 million in damages, after he accused Boeing Co. of reneging on a deal to buy two Russian-made missile launchers and ruining his reputation among other potential customers.

Friday's judgment gave Milton Blake, owner of Cumming, Ga.-based Blane International Group Inc., \$3.5 million in punitive damages and \$100,000 in compensation for the missile launchers Boeing allegedly had intended to resell to the U.S. Navy.

Stories and photos from wire services

# Food memories of a base lost forever

## RAF Bentwaters fell victim to a changing world

BY RON JENSEN  
Stars and Stripes

BENTWATERS PARKS, England — The honking of thousands of free-range geese has replaced the roar of warplanes at a former American air base that enjoyed its heyday during the Cold War.

RAF Bentwaters has been closed for more than a decade, but it still has a warm place in the hearts of people who were based there.

"Best place we were ever at," said Gregg Smith, now retired from the Air Force and living in Minot, S.D.

"Best eight years of my life," another former resident says on the Web site dedicated to the base, [www.bentwaters.org](http://www.bentwaters.org).

"Nothing but good memories," says a third.

The base closed in 1993 during the massive drawdown of U.S. troops in Europe after the Berlin Wall and the Soviet Union both fell apart.

The military dropped from roughly 300,000 troops throughout Europe to the current level of about 100,000. Scores of bases were closed — big ones and small ones, well-known ones and anonymous ones. The U.S. military presence in Europe was altered forever.

Troops come and go constantly from bases all around the world, but when a base closes for good, the impact is different. Service members know they won't never again be stationed there.

"Your memories, that's all you've got left," Master Sgt. Yancey Blanchard, who was one of the last airmen at RAF Bentwaters, said during a telephone interview from Andrews Air Force Base, Md., where he is now stationed.

Smith said the difference was that when people left, they weren't replaced. He was an air-traffic controller at the base when it closed. So was his wife, Gail.

"We had a great vantage point. You'd see plane after plane leave and you knew they weren't going to come back," he said by telephone from Minot, where he is a civilian air-traffic controller.

"The houses were empty and you knew no one was ever going to be in them again."

He and his wife, he said, could not bear to drive past the empty homes of friends who moved before the Smiths left.

Some military members might be undergoing the same type of transition in the future if a plan to again transform the military footprint in Europe is realized. The military has discussed the possibility of shuffling troops back to the States and to bases farther east in Europe, which would mean shutting the gates forever on some current American bases.

No final plans have been announced, but if the possibility moves closer to reality, troops will experience the same anxiety their brethren did in the early 1990s.



Stars and Stripes photos



Top left: Airman James Thompson, assigned to the liquid oxygen plant at Bentwaters Air Base, England, gives a LOX servicing cart its quarterly purge — a practice that ensures the liquid oxygen is pure and safe for use. Many airmen stationed at Bentwaters before it closed in 1993 say it was the best assignment of their career. Bottom left: The Community Center at RAF Bentwaters was a popular gathering point, but by June 1993, the year the base closed, the center saw little activity. Right: Geese now roam where American aircraft once prepared for war at the former base, which is privately owned now. The U.S. government is pondering more base closures in Europe.



PETER JAEGER/Stars and Stripes

"Everybody was praying it wasn't going to be us [to close]," said Smith. "You almost felt like, 'What did we do wrong? Why are we closing?'"

When the dismantling of the Soviet Union experienced bumps, he said, there was actually a sense of elation on the base that the Cold War was not quite dead.

Blanchard said he and his buddies tried to look at the transition as simply a permanent change of station move.

"No big deal," he said. But it didn't work, he said. As buildings closed and services vanished, there was a sense of sadness that doesn't accompany the normal duty station transfer.

"Don't think of it as just another PCS," he said as advice to anyone who is caught up in a base closure in the future. "Because it's not."

RAF Bentwaters became active late in World War II, home to a Royal Air Force squadron. It was turned over to the U.S. Air Force in 1951. A variety of aircraft flew from there for the next four decades, most significantly F-4 Phantoms from 1965 to 1979 and A-10 Warthogs from 1978 until the base closed in 1993.

It became famous in 1980 when some airmen claimed to have seen a UFO in a forest near the base. The sighting has been the subject of books and documentaries and attracts UFO-ologists to the area even today.



RON JENSEN/Stars and Stripes

for a time, Brown said. At the same time, the nearby base of RAF Woodbridge was closed.

More than 10,000 active-duty members were stationed at the two bases.

The biggest impact was on the housing market as rents went down, with hundreds of houses suddenly thrust onto the market. That has since rebounded, Brown said.

But the social impact, too, was great.

"When the bases closed, part of the communities were taken," John Cattermole said in an e-mail response to a question. He was born in Woodbridge and married the daughter of an American airman.

American cars were more numerous on the roads than British cars. American accents were considered normal in the pubs and shops.

Some of the base now is a manufacturing park. The entire area is known as Bentwaters Parks. Brown's family bought a large part of the base in 2001 and rents areas to farmers to run geese or sheep.

Film companies have used the runway and the base roads to film everything from car commercials to scenes from feature films. A museum dedicated to the base's Cold War history is in the works in the old command bunker.

Little on the base has changed. Airmen stationed here during the 42 years it was in American hands would have no trouble finding their way around.

Blanchard visited in the mid-1990s and took pictures of his old dorm room.

"It was really eerie," he said. Staff Sgt. Lyle Brandstrom Jr. was a security forces cop near the end in 1993. Now at Camp Doha, Kuwait, with the 886th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, his e-mailed response to a request for recollections mentioned ghosts named Peg Leg Pete and East End Charlie.

He also remembers British veterans from World War II with tears in their eyes as the base closure neared and the Americans prepared to leave.

He might have had some, too, he admitted.

"Everyone was family toward the end," he said, even more than normal as the reality of the end came closer and closer.

"Bentwaters was my Camelot," Brandstrom wrote. "Someday I hope to return to the grounds of RAF Bentwaters and see if the magic still exists or if it has faded with my memory."

"But for now, it will always be a green, sunny, bright, warm patch in my mind."

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# Spouse hiring program now goes Army-wide

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A U.S. European Command job hiring pilot program tested on spouses in Europe will now be used Armywide, according to U.S. Army Europe officials.

The Military Spouse Preference Choice initiative will become the plan family members use worldwide when vying for jobs on Army installations.

The new program will take spouses' names out of databases for automatic job filling and allow them to accept or decline temporary positions without losing their military spouse preference, according to Patricia Rothrock, a human resources specialist in Seckenheim, Germany.

During a telephone interview Friday, Rothrock said that previously in the States and elsewhere, when applicants seeking work were listed as "qualified" for a position and offered the job, they had to either accept it or lose their spouse preference for hiring all together.

Donna Best, a human resources specialist, created the pilot program 2½ years ago during an Army Family Action Plan meeting, Rothrock said.

She said it was created to help spouses continue to work in intermittent jobs while waiting for a permanent position to open. The idea was then instituted at the Civilian Personnel Operations Center for USAREUR as a pilot program, she said.

According to a USAREUR release, under the new program military spouses can use their spouse preference to accept or decline temporary jobs until they get a permanent position, also known as a "continuing position."

The release said spouses could work in these temporary, or non-continuing positions, and then use their hiring preference to get a new job beginning 60 days before the temporary job expires.

Military spouses who have lost their preference because of accepting or denying a temporary position will have their preference reinstated, but only if the spouse meets all other applicable requirements for military spouse preference, according to the USAREUR statement.

"Now spouses have a choice," Rothrock said. "If something temporary comes up that they're qualified for, but they don't really like the position or where it's at, they can decline the job without losing their spouse preference for future job offers."

However, the USAREUR release said, military spouses who previously accepted or declined a permanent position would not have their preference reinstated.

"Spouses are going to be interested to know that the way we do business here is the way the rest of the world will be doing it," Rothrock said.

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Automatic external defibrillators, similar to this one at Naval Support Activity Naples, Italy, will soon be distributed to USAFE bases. Currently, 84 of the units, designed to save someone in cardiac arrest, will be sent to the bases. Officials say more will be purchased and distributed as funds become available.

## USAFE getting lifesaving AEDs

84 on the way with more to come; move complies with 2000 act

BY JASON CHUDY  
Stars and Stripes

Air Force bases throughout Europe will soon be receiving small, computerized heart defibrillators in an effort to help those in cardiac arrest.

U.S. Air Forces in Europe will be distributing 84 of the 5-pound automatic external defibrillators to bases, which will then be put in public areas and work centers.

The devices are used to give an electrical shock to a person in cardiac arrest, hopefully restoring the heart's normal rhythm and keep the person from dying.

Once the bases receive the units and distribute them to designated buildings, a specified coordinator will train a percentage of that building's personnel on its operation.

For example, at Ramstein Air Base in Germany, 81 airmen have been trained as instructors for both CPR and the defibrillators.

Air Force officials say that those who don't receive the training shouldn't be afraid to use the machine if needed.

"It was designed and tested to be used by a sixth-grade level [educated person]," according to Staff Sgt. Peggy Shaskan, 433rd Medical Group basic life support program director.

"When you grab the box, there's an on and off switch. After that, a voice-activated prompt walks the user through whatever's needed to be done at that point."

Devices are already on some European bases, including Naval Support Activity Naples, Italy.

The units were purchased under a recent USAFE initiative designed "to share the responsibility of saving lives with those outside the medical field," according to an Air Force news release.

The policy was started based on the Cardiac Arrest Survival Act of 2000, which Congress passed to authorize the placement of defibrillators in federal buildings, which includes military bases.

The devices will be placed in busy pedestrian traffic areas, such as exchanges and commissaries, recreation facilities and highly-populated work areas.

More devices will be purchased and sent to the bases as money becomes available, according to the release.

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## Airmen return from African mission



U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. Michael Gould, commander of the 3rd Air Force based at RAF Mildenhall, England, greets airmen late Thursday night as they exit a C-130 aircraft at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, after completing a two-week airlift mission transporting African Union troops and supplies into the Darfur region of Sudan. Approximately 100 U.S. Air Forces in Europe members participated in the mission.

LAURA SIMI/Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

## Author to visit Wiesbaden Middle School

Author Clare Dunkle, who wrote the award-winning book "The Hollow Kingdom," will visit Wiesbaden Middle School, Germany, on Monday and then conduct a book signing Nov. 20.

Dunkle will be talking with eighth-grade students about writing and her experiences of becoming an author from 8:15 a.m. to 2:40 p.m. On Nov. 20, Dunkle will be signing copies of her book at the Book-Mark at the Hainerberg shopping center in Wiesbaden.

Dunkle, who is originally from Texas, now lives Kusen, Germany. She began writing books when her daughters left home to attend a German boarding school for girls.

"The Hollow Kingdom" is part of a trilogy, and is the winner of the 2004 Mythopoeic Fantasy Award for children's literature.

## Johnson reflects on career in Navy

WESTMANLAND, Maine — Growing up on his family's potato farm in Westmanland, population 60, Gregory Johnson had no inkling that he would pursue a military career that would culminate in the command of all U.S. Navy forces in Europe.

The four-star admiral flew fighter jets over the world's oceans and stood shoulder to shoulder with paupers and presidents. He served in places he never imagined he would see.

"It was like living a dream," Johnson, 58, said Sunday, the day after he was honored at a retirement banquet at the Brunswick Naval Air Station. The event followed an earlier ceremony in Naples, Italy, where he ended his 35-year career.

Johnson quickly moved up the ladder, serving as executive assistant to Gen. Colin Powell, then chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Johnson later became senior military assistant to former Defense Secretary William Cohen.

By the time he retired, Johnson had met three presidents, helped calm rioters in Kosovo, and watched the collapse of the Soviet Union. "It was like being a fly on the wall during some pretty fascinating things," he recalled.

From staff and wire reports



# Tuskegee Airmen gather for anniversary

## WWII minority pilots celebrate creation of their advanced combat training program

By BRUCE SMITH  
The Associated Press

CHARLESTON, S.C. — In the era of Jim Crow — when the Army brass didn't think blacks were capable of flying — a group of minority pilots changed the way the military looked at race.

The Tuskegee Airmen, their ranks thinning as the World War II fighter pilots age, reunited Friday for a breakfast in Columbia, the first of several gatherings planned for the weekend.

This year marks the 60th anniversary of the creation in 1944 of the advanced combat training program for the black airmen at a small Army Air Force base in Walterboro, S.C.

The program had started three years earlier in Tuskegee, Ala. In all, almost 1,000 pilots would be trained, 450 deployed overseas and 150 would lose their lives in training or combat.

The pilots deployed to North Africa and Europe flew support missions including strafing enemy ammunition dumps, rail lines and highways. Later, the airmen flew escort for bombers.

Including ground support personnel, there were about 14,000 Tuskegee Airmen, said 85-year-old Hiram E. Little Sr., a retired school teacher from Atlanta.

To the military, the program at first was simply "an experiment to prove the Negro could not fly and fight," said Herbert Carter, of Tuskegee, who went on to a 25-year career in the military.



Karl Miller, left, of Manning, S.C., thanks Tuskegee Airman Leroy Bowman for his service to the United States, at the Celebrate Freedom Air & Ground Show at Woodward Airport in Camden, S.C., on Friday. This year marks the 60th anniversary of the creation in 1944 of the Tuskegee Airman advanced combat training program at a base in Walterboro, S.C.

But even after the pilots of the first squadron were trained, the Army delayed deploying the unit for months.

"No commander from Burma to England wanted this all-black squadron," said Carter, 85.

"They were firmly convinced no white

personnel would take orders from black officers. The Negro press and other organizations and sympathizers brought pressure on the War Department to do something about this unit."

The airmen then proved they could handle anything asked of them.

None of the bombers escorted by Tuskegee Airmen fighters were lost during World War II, although 66 of the fighter pilots lost their lives and 33 other fighter pilots were shot down and taken prisoner, Carter said.

At war's end, the airmen returned to a nation where little had changed.

"We were not so naive as to think America was going to change that much," he said.

"When we returned after V-E Day things were as biased and racist as they were before World War II."

It wasn't until the late 1970s that the airmen began to receive recognition for what they had done.

Now, through conventions and meetings, the group wants to pass its story to future generations. People with an interest in the history and in getting young people involved in aviation can join the airmen.

"We're trying to bring new people in as we die there will be someone to keep the Tuskegee Airmen going for the future," Little said.

The reunion, which runs through Sunday, will include a breakfast, banquet and visits with school children in Columbia.

The airmen will also appear at the Celebrate Freedom Festival air show in Camden, S.C.

Little says the airmen helped open doors for those who followed.

"We are proud of the fact that maybe the record those pilots made overseas paved the way for the young people of all races who volunteer for military service," he said.

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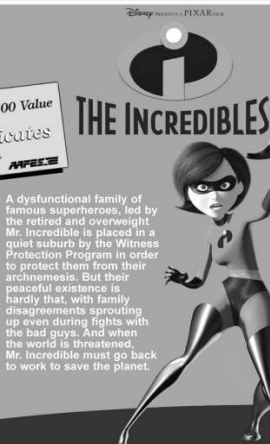
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AFES THEATERS

# General leads charge against sexual assault

BY JOSH WHITE

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Sexual assaults by servicemembers against colleagues have dogged the military recently because of increased reports of such attacks in Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan and a blistering Pentagon task force report earlier this year that said the Defense Department wasn't doing enough to help victims or punish offenders.

The Defense Department has turned to an experienced Air Force commander and educator to develop a global plan for combating the crime.

Brig. Gen. K.C. McClain, commander of the new Joint Task Force for Sexual Assault Prevention and Response, is setting out to change attitudes and educate hundreds of thousands of people about the sensitive topic.

"It's the most successful approach as one that capitalizes on the military's 'team' concept to train soldiers and officers about what is and is not acceptable behavior. 'The military is a team. Successful teams are based on people who rely on each other, who can trust each other,'" McClain said in a recent interview at the Pentagon. "An assault on one is an assault on the team."

And who would want to break the team by attacking a teammate? Who would want to steal something from someone you have to rely on in combat? It is this logic that she thinks can break through.

"Our culture will allow us to make great progress," she said. "It's a difficult subject to discuss because it's personal, because it's sexual, and we as a society don't deal well with that."

McClain said the military could be a great model for dealing with sexual assault if the right policies are set up and followed.

According to the Pentagon, there were 901 cases of alleged assault throughout the Defense Department in 2002 and 1,012 in 2003, numbers that high-ranking Pentagon officials believe represent a fraction of the actual cases because victims often are reluctant to come forward.

The task force also found that the military is failing to protect female soldiers and isn't adequately punishing offenders.

McClain said she is focused on bringing together what she called a "fragmented effort" to deal with sexual assault across the military services, one that has major gaps and is in need of

a single point of authority to provide direction. McClain is now that single point of authority.

"We have the opportunity to have a far-reaching, long-lasting impact," McClain said. "There are a million people in the Department of Defense, and we can put together a program that will hopefully make these people more safe and more secure."

McClain is leading an eight-person team that first came together two weeks ago, a team that aims to improve prevention, ensure support for victims and ensure offender accountability.

McClain's team will first work to provide a military-wide definition of sexual assault, one that she hopes will be clear, in plain English and applicable under current military law. She said there is confusion in the field over what constitutes a sexual assault.

"You have to draw your boundaries very clearly," she said.

A joint conference of 150 people from all military services recommended that the department look at five areas, the first of which was coming up with a definition of sexual assault. They also recommended working on how to improve reporting, how to increase

transparency in response efforts while also protecting servicemembers' privacy, how to improve the response capability and how to treat for victims. "We want to make sure that all personnel who are involved in sexual assault cases. An Oct. 6 summit with top de-

fense leaders gave a go-ahead to McClain's groups to work on those recommendations. McClain opened her Arlington, Va., office Oct. 12 and has begun organizing, doing strategic planning and getting ready to develop the groundwork for dealing with sexual assault across the military.

"Society is grappling with it just as we are grappling with it," she said, expressing dismay that because sexual assault is so underreported, it is affecting far more people than the statistics show.

McClain said her focus will be on education and training, areas she is experienced in. She most recently was deputy director of operations for technical training at the Headquarters Air Education and Training Command at Randolph Air Force Base in Texas. She has three previous commands, leading the 314th Mission Support Group at Little Rock Air Force Base; the 17th Training Wing at Goodfellow Air Force Base in Texas; and the Air Reserve Personnel Center in Denver.

A major part of the educational effort will be to encourage people to come forward when



Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

**Brig. Gen. K.C. McClain has developed a global plan to combat sexual assaults in the U.S. military.**

## Brig. Gen. K.C. McClain

**Title:** Commander, Joint Task Force for Sexual Assault Prevention and Response.

**Education:** Bachelor's degree in secondary education, Oklahoma State University; master's in public administration, Troy State University; student, NATO Defense College, Rome.

**Family:** Single; a son and two granddaughters.

**Career highlights:** Deputy director of operations for technical training, headquarters, Air Education and Training Command, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas; commander, 314th Mission Support Group, Little Rock Air Force Base; commander, Air Reserve Personnel Center, Denver; commander, 17th Training Wing, Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas; director for manpower, personnel and support, U.S. Pacific Command, Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii.

**Pastimes:** Yoga.

The Washington Post

they've been attacked and to break down barriers to reporting. McClain said sexual assault investigations can often cause a stigma to victims, further isolating them and causing increasing psychological damage.

McClain said her efforts could cause more cases to be reported and investigated, but she thinks the military is prepared to handle the influx of cases.

"If you can prevent it, you don't have to worry about responding," McClain said. "That's our goal, to prevent it from happening. ... The hardest part is getting them to understand and change some attitudes. It is an educational effort just as it is in society."

# Lawyer: Guard't. unfairly punished

The Associated Press

CHERRY HILL, N.J. — A lieutenant in the New Jersey National Guard — sent home after she was allegedly raped on a Mississippi base — has been declared absent without leave in an attempt to force her to return to her old unit, her lawyer charged.

Attorney Frederick Klepp said the Army has not responded to his proposal that the lieutenant be allowed to report to a New Jersey base to avoid prosecution. She would then begin the process of leaving the Guard, Klepp said.

The woman told the Oregonian newspaper she met the alleged attacker Aug. 8 at a bar at Camp Shelby, where she was stationed.

The man also is an officer in the 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment.

She refused an invitation to his quarters and turned down his request to go home with her, she said. He persisted, she said, and followed her home and turned up in her room, where he allegedly raped her.

She said the Army initially did not want to grant her convalescent leave. A base chaplain, however, helped persuade authorities to let her return to her New Jersey home. Klepp said she has been in contact with the man.

"I completely do not trust anything military at this point," she told the newspaper.

But she has since learned that until she returns to her unit, she can be prosecuted in military court for being AWOL.

Capt. Brett Carter in the judge advocate general's office at Camp Shelby refused to comment to The Oregonian, which first reported the story Friday. "She is being processed for being AWOL" while the investigation continues, he said. "We're diligently working on it as quickly as we can."

# Sniper competition teaches real-world techniques

BY ELLIOTT MINOR

The Associated Press

FORT BENNING, Ga. — Cpl. Eugenio Mendoza, a young veteran of the Iraq war, had to carry his buddy for 50 yards, scale an 8-foot wall and crawl through a water-logged tunnel at the 4th International Sniper Competition, where the challenges are designed to simulate combat scenarios in Afghanistan and Iraq.

"It's good stuff we never thought about," said Mendoza, 27, a sniper with the Army's 21st Division at Fort Campbell, Ky. "We're definitely going to use what we've learned in these events."

Sponsored by the sniper school, the five-day competition that ended Friday is designed to test the marksmen's ability to fire at targets up to 800 meters away, to stalk and conceal themselves, to fire from a variety of positions and from strenuous physical exertion, and to quickly pick out a villain holding hostages and then deliver a lethal shot.

The competitors included 18 Army and Air Force teams from as far away as Alaska and two teams from the Canadian Army.

Staff Sgt. Larry Davis, sergeant in charge of the competition, said the military is putting more emphasis on snipers.

"The leaders realize that we're the eyes and ears for them. A sniper team is like the perfect smart bomb," Davis said. "We're out front and, based on a command decision, we can take out the threat. And we're not flying a \$30 million airplane."

One of the new events added this year was firing from a helicopter. It proved to be a challenge for the shooters and the pilots, organizers said.

"All these are based on scenarios that are going on," said Sgt. 1st Class Carlos Velez of the Army's Sniper School at Fort Benning. "This is not just about winning a trophy. It's sharing the knowledge."

The end result is doing your job."

Mendoza's partner, Cpl. Nicholas Romero, another Iraq war veteran from the 101st Airborne, said the competition was challenging.

"I learned a lot from the other teams," said Romero, a Cocoa Beach, Fla., native.

Master Sgt. Cecil Lay, an Air Force sniper training supervisor from Camp Robinson, Ark., said the Air Force has stepped up its sniper training and now has two female snipers, a job traditionally reserved for men.

"With all the stuff going on in the war, the Air Force saw the need for the same training as the Army," Lay said.

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# Planners setting up for a smoother 'surge'

## Army promises shorter lines, less hassle for next wave of troops in and out of Iraq

BY STEVE LIEWER

Stars and Stripes

**CAMP ARIFJAN, Kuwait** — Soldiers heading home from war — if they have to go through Kuwait — won't have to worry about crowded tents, hour-long chow lines or no mail.

Tens of thousands of soldiers and Marines last winter and spring experienced "the Surge" — the name Army logisticians gave to the unprecedented hand-off between the first and second waves of troops to serve in Iraq.

Now, as the first soldiers in the third wave of Operation Iraqi Freedom convoy north from Kuwait, the military officials expect this massive troop rotation to go much more smoothly.

"I have a lot more confidence in the plan this year than I did last year," said Lt. Col. Jeff Carra, chief of plans for deployment for the Combined Forces Land Component Command, which super-

vised that rotation.

"The camps will be full, but not for as long."

Carra, 44, is an Army reservist and logistician with the 377th Theater Support Command. Carra, sometimes called the "bed-down czar" of Kuwait, said CFLCC has adjusted this year based upon hard lessons from the troubles of last winter and spring.

Among the changes:

■ Unit rotations have been stretched over seven months instead of four.

■ Key movement-support units, such as mayor cells and transportation companies, will rotate before fighting forces instead of at the same time so they are available when needed most.

■ More vehicles and equipment will be left in the theater and handed off from unit to unit, saving time on washing, packing and unpacking.

■ Troops not needed for wash-



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These soldiers near the front of the lunch line at Camp New York's main dining facility in February had been waiting for more than an hour. The lines at restaurants, chow halls, the phone bank and the post exchange swelled as 1st Infantry Division troops from Germany, as well as Marines, streamed into the camp. Army officials say better planning for the next surge this winter will alleviate many of those problems.

ing and packing gear will go straight home instead of waiting in Kuwait.

Seat-of-the-pants planning combined with unexpected catastrophes bedeviled CFLCC during the Surge, a time when 250,000 troops passed through Kuwait on their way to or from the Iraqi theater. It was the biggest troop movement since the end of World War II and the biggest troop swap in history.

In retrospect, Carra grades his unit's handling of the Surge as a C or D+. He expects CFLCC to earn a solid B during the coming rotation because the command is smarter and better organized.

"We had problems [last winter]; we staggered through them," he said in a candid interview last week. "Despite [our] best efforts, it didn't go well."

The sheer immensity of the Surge is hard to comprehend.

Troops from seven divisions had to be flown in and out of the theater at the same time as their personal gear, vehicles and more than 750,000 tons of cargo. They needed buses to carry the troops and trucks to carry their stuff.

The movements of 123 ships had to be coordinated with those of 3,076 aircraft and 2,295 trucks. Between Jan. 5 and April 14, CFLCC ran 23,488 convoys, washed 40,000 vehicles, pumped 68 million gallons of fuel, issued 428 million spare parts, and served more than 25 million hot meals.

All of this while fighting an enemy in the field.

"We knew it was going to be ugly, but we didn't know what to expect," Carra said.

"There's no school you can go to, no book you can read on how you plan and execute an exercise this big."

Carra said planning didn't start early enough. He arrived just before Thanksgiving to find that Camp New York, with a capacity of 9,500 troops, had just been shut down. He quickly reopened it knowing the other two main camps, Udairi (now called Buehring) and Virginia couldn't handle a flow expected to peak at 70,000 troops.

The result? Soldiers at the camps in Kuwait sat in long lines at the barber shops. Troops waited four to six hours to shop depleted shelves at the post exchanges. Chow hall lines stretched to one hour and phone lines to three.

One 1st Infantry Division soldier jokingly called New York "Camp Wait-in-Line-a-Lot."

Carra and Capt. Joe James, a Florida National Guard force flow analyst who

worked side-by-side with Carra throughout the Surge, believe there will be no repeat this year. Most of the support units already have rotated and will be running at full speed by the time the 2005 surge hits.

The coming winter's surge, too, will be much smaller.

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# Surge: When the tough get going, the going can get tough

SURGE, FROM PAGE 7

During last February's peak, about 54,000 soldiers and Marines bedded down in Kuwait camps en route to or from Iraq — enough to fill 63 percent of the beds in all of the Motel 6s in North America, Carra noted. In 2005, he said, troop numbers will top out at 46,000.

The peaks will be short spikes instead of long crunches. Every incoming unit already has been slotted into a camp.

"You can't compare where we were last December with where we are now," Carra said. "Because we've got a plan, we can worry less about crisis management."

For troops returning home, most will see far less of Kuwait than the last group. Carra said CFLC is discouraging unit commanders from shuttling soldiers through Kuwait if they don't need to be there.

He said many will fly straight home from Iraq on empty Air Force cargo jets. Others will spend only a day or two on the ground in Kuwait before hopping flights to the States or Germany.

"If you're not working, you go home," Carra said. "You don't need to sit around in Kuwait for three weeks, twiddling your thumbs."

James said CFLC's goal by next year's rotation is to calm the annual winter tidal wave of troops to a series of gentle troughs throughout the year. He said besides cutting stress on soldiers, planners and facilities, and it saves money.

If there's no surge, CFLC doesn't have to pay for extra tents, trucks, cots and chow halls that are only needed part of the year. The last rotation, Carra said, was budgeted at \$184 million but actually cost about \$270 million. This year's is expected to cost \$200 million.

While James and Carra expect this winter's surge to run more smoothly, there's a wild card that can't be forgotten: the Iraqi insurgents' waging war against U.S. and coalition forces.

Last winter, for reasons still not understood, rebels rarely harassed the convoys ferrying troops in and out of Iraq. Their bloody offensive didn't start until after the Surge. The insurgency is much hotter now. Planners can only hope they'll be lucky again.

"The enemy has a vote," Carra said. "[Last winter], they chose to stay home."

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Marines from the II Marine Expeditionary Force prepare to board a CH-46 helicopter from the USS Bataan in February. Two amphibious assault ships unloaded Marines and gear in Kuwait as part of a huge rotation of forces into Iraq. Officials are expecting fewer troops than the 250,000 of the last surge to pass through Kuwait during the coming rotation.

SCOTT SCHONAUER  
Stars and Stripes

## 'Surge' lesson learned: Expect the unexpected

CAMP ARIFJAN, Kuwait — Planning for the influx of 250,000 troops heading in and out of Iraq is sort of like planning for a hurricane.

"You can't account for intangibles," said Capt. Joe James, a Florida National Guard force flow analyst, who worked side-by-side with Lt. Col. Jeff Carra, chief of plans for deployment for the Combined Forces Land Component Command. It was Carra who was responsible for handling the "Surge," the name Army logisticians gave to the handoff between the first and second waves of troops to serve in Iraq.

James arrived at the beginning of the Surge in mid-January as the officer-in-charge of the 264 wash points, where all of the Humvees, trucks and tanks leaving the theater would be cleaned before passing through customs and being loaded for home. He asked what the plan was for handling all the vehicles.

He found out there was none — he'd be expected to develop it on the fly.

To complicate matters, Carra said, Kuwait suffered its wettest rainy season in 50 years. For two weeks in early January, the only highway from Kuwait to Iraq lay impassable under floodwaters.

In late February, the engine room of one of the giant cargo ships, the USNS Shugart, caught fire at the site of the 1st Infantry Division's deployment. The

entire port shut down for two days, Carra said, so shore workers could fight the fire. On any other day, contract truck drivers from India and Pakistan got in a brawl in their motor pool, halting part of the truck operations for the day.

As soldiers and Marines poured into the camps, Carra ordered new tents erected and trucked in portable shower units, sometimes hours ahead of arriving troops.

The schedule had little flexibility because the Pentagon wished to keep its promise that troops would head home within 365 days of their arrival. Since they had come at almost the same time in 2003, they had to leave at the same time in 2004.

Private contractors hired to supplement military personnel sometimes didn't deliver. Running short of sturdy Army cots, CFLC bought thousands from a Middle East contractor. But the camping cots frequently fell apart under the weight of troops and gear and had to be replaced with the Army's own.

CFLC contracted with a Kuwaiti trucking firm for 400 trucks to haul freight. The owner coughed up only 250. Since this was the only big trucking company in the tiny Rhode Island-sized country, the Army had no choice but to work with him.

"You can sue him for breach of contract," Carra said, "but that doesn't give you your trucks."

— Steve Liewer

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# Insurgent strikes kill more than 30 in Iraq

## 29 Iraqis die in Samarra; 16 U.S. troops injured in Ramadi suicide bombing

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Facing a major assault in Fallujah, insurgents struck back Saturday with suicide car bombs and rockets across a wide swath of central Iraq, killing over 30 people and wounding more than 60 others, including almost two dozen Americans.

Those attacks, which included use of police vehicles in car-bombings, could have been aimed at relieving pressure on Fallujah, where about 10,000 American troops are massing for a major assault. U.S. jets pounded Fallujah early Saturday in the heaviest airstrikes in six months — including five 500-pound bombs dropped on insurgent targets.

The deadliest attacks Saturday occurred in Samarra, 60 miles north of Baghdad, where insurgents stormed a police station, triggered at least two suicide car bombs and fired mortars at government installations. One of the car bombs, which targeted the mayor's office, used a stolen Iraqi police vehicle, the U.S. military said.

Twenty-nine people, including 17 police and 12 Iraqi civilians, were killed throughout the city, the U.S. military said. Arabic language television stations said more than 30 died as gangs of insurgents roamed the city, clashing with American and Iraqi forces.

The dead included the local Iraqi National Guard commander, Abdel Razeq Shaker al-Garnali, hospital officials said. Another 40 people, including 17 policemen, were injured, the military said.

U.S. military vehicles roamed through the besieged city using loudspeakers to announce an indefinite curfew starting at 2 p.m. Saturday. American warplanes and helicopters roamed the skies.

Elsewhere, 20 American soldiers were wounded Saturday when a suicide bomber using an Iraqi police car rammed their convoy in Ramadi, a major city in the volatile Sunni Triangle. U.S. officials said. They gave no further details, citing security.

Three other American troops were wounded when a car bomb exploded near the entrance to Baghdad International Airport. One Iraqi was killed and another injured, the U.S. military said. Three Humvees were heavily damaged, witnesses said.

Two Marines were injured by a car bomb near a Fallujah checkpoint, and a U.S. soldier was wounded when a roadside bomb exploded south of Fallujah.

Samarra was recaptured from Sunni Muslim insurgents in September and had been touted as a model for restoring government control to areas formerly under guerrilla domination.

U.S. and Iraqi forces hope to use the same techniques if they



U.S. Marines of the 1st Division fire off a mortar round during training at their base outside Fallujah on Saturday. More than 10,000 U.S. troops have taken positions around the rebel-controlled city.

drive Sunni militants from Fallujah. American commanders have assembled a force of Marines, Army soldiers and U.S.-trained Iraqi fighters around Fallujah.

They are awaiting orders from interim Prime Minister Ayad Alawi to launch an all-out assault.

However, the violence in Samarra underscored the difficulty of maintaining civilian authority in Sunni areas even after the

worst of the fighting ebbs. Residents of Samarra's Qadisiyah neighborhood said U.S. troops were conducting house-to-house searches late Saturday.

U.S. intelligence estimates there are about 3,000 insurgents dug in behind defenses and booby traps in Fallujah, a city of about 300,000 which has become a symbol throughout the Islamic world of Iraqi resistance to the U.S.-led occupation.

## U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Friday, at least 1,127 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 865 died as a result of hostile action, the Defense Department said. The figures include three military civilians.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

■ One soldier was killed Friday in an attack on a military base near Fallujah.

■ One soldier was killed Thursday near Balad by an explosive.

The latest identifications reported by the Defense Department:

■ Army Spc. Cody L. Wentz, 21, Williston, N.D.; killed Thursday when an explosive detonated near his military vehicle while on patrol, assigned to the Army National Guard's 141st Engineer Battalion, Williston, N.D.

Two Marines died Thursday from injuries received in an attack in Anbar province; they were assigned to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

■ Marine Cpl. Jeremiah A. Baro, 21, Fresno, Calif.

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# Coalition helps Horn of Africa fight terror

Program teaches African troops how to work together to secure their countries

BY CHARLIE COON

Stars and Stripes

CAMP LEMONIER, Djibouti — With Camp Lemonier as its hub, the nations of the Horn of Africa are working together to fight terrorists.

"The quicker you can get away from national relationships and turn them into personal relationships, the better," said Marine Maj. Greg Beisbier.

He is the action officer for a host nation coordinator program conducted by Coalition Sentinel, the U.S.-led effort to defend this part of the world from terrorism.

The program teaches troops from the various countries such things as ship courtesy and etiquette — to help them avoid offending one another — and the secure passing of information, so bits of intelligence such as times, places and capabilities aren't overheard by the enemy.

Sitting in on briefings and accompanying U.S. troops on the job are also part of the training.

"It's not just bringing them in for tours of the ships and of the camp," said Beisbier, who is from Reedsburg, Wis.

Last week, the program graduated its second set of four officers. They were Maj. Fredrick Musyimi of the Kenyan Navy, Ensign 2nd Class Abanoo Ibrahim of the Djiboutian Coast Guard, 2nd Lt. Takebe Beyene of the Ethiopian Army, and Capt. Magid Saleh Mansoor of the Yemen Coast Guard.

The Horn of Africa, where Djibouti is located, is strategically important because its waterways — the Red Sea and 17-mile-wide Strait of Bab El Mandeb — connect the Mediterranean Sea and Indian Ocean.

The strait, which like the Panama Canal is a major shipping thoroughfare, is considered an ideal place to launch a terrorist attack against ships. The strait is also narrow enough for terrorists in a fast boat to flee from the Arabian Peninsula to Africa in just a few hours.

Djibouti, the former French colony on the African side of the strait, is surrounded by nations that have seen their share of flood, famine and the terrorists who take advantage of the weak.

"This [threat] is not new for our country," said Maj. Tsegaye Debela of the Ethiopian Air Force, one of the program's advisers.

When the final class graduates, 16 officers will have completed the course. After graduation, the officers, who are selected by their nations to participate, will return home and train the troops there on what they learned.

Earlier Wednesday, the students were at computers at the intelligence center at Camp Lemonier, helping to devise a secure, inter-country Internet system so they could communicate in confidence.

The system, called CENTRIX, would be similar to the Secure Internet Protocol Routing system

that the U.S. Department of Defense uses to send classified communication.

"It's a very good system for sharing information in a secure and safe way," said Mansoor, whose nation, Yemen, is across the strait from Djibouti.

"When it happens, it will save

us effort and time. In our work, it may be just minutes between death and life."

"It's to share intelligence they can use to some common goal," said Navy Lt. Cmdr. Eric Hall of Portland, Ore., who is helping develop the system.

The goal, according to Marine

Col. Craig S. Huddleston, chief of staff of the Djibouti-based Combined Joint Task Force — Horn of Africa, is to make the part of Africa secure and stable.

"And hopefully," he said, "to make this a very unfriendly place for terrorists."

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*"This [threat of terrorism] is not new for our country."*

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## IN THE WORLD

# Palestinian factions meet to plan future

BY IBRAHIM BARZAK

The Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia made a rare visit to the Gaza Strip on Saturday for talks with rival Palestinian groups aimed at preserving calm in the face of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's dire condition.

With Arafat ailing in a French hospital, Qureia and other Palestinian officials have held a flurry of meetings in case he dies. While Islamic militants have made public shows of unity, Hamas and other opposition groups said they were also looking for a formal role in Palestinian decision making.

Qureia arrived in Gaza under heavy guard and accompanied by

Parliament Speaker Raufi Fattouh, who would step in as a caretaker president of the Palestinian Authority if Arafat dies.

Eight vehicles full of security forces joined his motorcade, roads were closed, and dozens of Palestinian police guarded the area. In his year as prime minister, Qureia has traveled to the volatile Gaza Strip only two or three times.

The situation is particularly delicate in Gaza, where rival groups of gunmen and security officials have fought each other in the streets, jockeying for power ahead of Israel's planned withdrawal from the coastal strip in 2005.

Qureia met for four hours with representatives of the 13 major Palestinian factions, including Hamas and Islamic Jihad, as well

as security chiefs, lawmakers and officials of Arafat's Fatah faction. Such a broad gathering is extremely rare.

After the meeting, Qureia said the security commanders had committed to a "joint security plan ... to ensure security and order." He said the participating groups "reiterated the importance" of working together with the Palestinian government "to reach a national program and a national plan and to achieve a political partnership."

Qureia told reporters he was encouraged by the meeting and vowed to continue the dialogue. The meeting focused on political issues, the shaky security situation in the Palestinian territories and finding a way to share decision making.



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Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia, center, heads a meeting with different Palestinian factions Saturday in Gaza City. Qureia traveled to the Gaza Strip on Saturday for talks with rival Palestinian groups aimed at preserving calm during Yasser Arafat's absence, Qureia's office said.

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# Survey predicts world population to stabilize at 9 billion by 2300

BY NICK WADHAMS

The Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — Three hundred years from now, the world's population will have stabilized at 9 billion and we will look forward to living until age 95. In Japan, that bastion of longevity, people will be hanging around until they're 106.

India, China and the United States will still be the most populous countries on the planet — if they still exist — and Africa's share of the world's population will double to 25 percent.

The average woman will give birth to two children.

Those are just a few possibilities projected in a U.N. report released Thursday, which lowers long-term population estimates because of new thinking about fertility rates in the future.

The new report acknowledges that population projections are an extremely risky game. "What will population trends be like beyond 2050? No one really knows," the report says. "Any demographic projections, if they go 100, 200 or 300 years into the future, are little more than guesses."

But the report says the exercise is necessary to help mankind reflect on short-term trends and whether actions should be taken to change them.

The projections reflect trends, common

among many researchers including the U.S. Census Bureau, revising populations downward.

Previous long-range U.N. estimates suggested that the population could hit 12 billion people.

Still, world population growth will be under significant pressure in the decades to come, when there will be 57 million more people every year from now to 2050, fueled by growth in less developed regions, the report projects.

That means the population of the world will grow by 47 percent to 8.9 billion by 2050, with the biggest spike in African nations.

By 2300, a quarter of the world's population will be African, the report projects.

Among the report's other projections is that the average life expectancy will increase to 95 years in 2300.

In Japan, where even today people tend to live the longest, life expectancy will be 106. India will surpass China as the world's most populous nation, but China and the United States will be two and three.

The median age will rise from 26 years to 50 years. While the population of young people will generally stabilize, the world will see more people over 80. That means world population will grow slightly over time because life expectancy will always rise, though by smaller and smaller margins.

The authors of the report acknowledge that the slightest deviation from their model would result in huge population changes. If fertility rates stabilize at 1.85, the population would shrink to 2.3 billion. If it went to 2.35, the population would balloon to 36.4 billion. If fertility rates remained unchanged from the 2000 rate of 2.83, there would be 134 trillion people in 2300, impossible to sustain.

The middle-of-the-road fertility rate projection also assumes that women around the world will have access to family planning including contraceptives, and would no longer want many children as mortality rates fall.

"People can now have fewer children because children are not dying one out of five as used to happen with our grandparents," said Thomas Buettner, one of the authors of the report.

"The decline is a historical trend that is irreversible."

It also projects that HIV will slow its spread by 2010 and a cure for HIV/AIDS will eventually be found, eliminating that downward pull on the population. In a mildly understated conclusion, it briefly contemplates what could happen if some new, more virulent disease, arises.

"These projections also risk being upended by national crises, such as outbreaks of civil strife or new epidemics or environmental emergencies, which could produce short-run catastrophic mortality or large, unpredictable migrant movements," the report says.

## Bosnian official resigns

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Bosnian Prime Minister Adnan Terzic, angered by the passage of a tax law, handed in a letter of resignation to the country's three-member presidency, his office said Friday.

Terzic, who left for Saudi Arabia on Friday morning, was upset with a draft law on differentiated value-added tax that was passed by the Bosnian parliament's house of representatives, said an official from his office, speaking on condition of anonymity.

He opposed the differentiated VAT rates of 0 and 17 percent and proposed a single rate, the officials said.

## Quake shakes Turkey

ANKARA, Turkey — A moderate earthquake shook western Turkey on Friday, a seismology center said. There were no immediate reports of any damage or casualties.

The quake, centered in the town of Kirkgac in Manisa province, had a preliminary magnitude of 4.5, the Istanbul-based Kandilli Observatory said. It struck the area at 7:30 p.m.

The quake was also felt in the nearby city of Izmir and other regions, the Anatolia news agency reported.

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Forensic experts examine the body of Dutch filmmaker Theo van Gogh at the scene of his murder Tuesday in Amsterdam. A suspected Islamic extremist shot and killed the filmmaker, then slit his throat. The incident is one of the latest in which victims are beheaded or the throat is cut, apparently inspired by Iraq militants.

## Iraq beheadings inspiring militants across the globe

By LOUIS MEIXLER  
The Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey — It was called "Operation Baghdad" and, to be sure, the headless bodies of the three police officers recalled the violence in that city. But these attacks happened in Haiti, not in Iraq.

The brutal beheadings in Iraq appear to have inspired militants in other parts of the world who are drawn to the shock value of the horrifying attacks and the intense publicity they attract.

Thailand and the Netherlands are two other countries where suspected extremists recently beheaded or slit the throats of their victims in what appear to be copycat attacks.

Rune Allaf, associate fellow at the Royal Institute of International Affairs, said beheadings are spreading because the practice "has so horrified us in the West."

"It achieves results and it makes the headlines," Allaf added.

The horrifying tactic has spread as far as the Caribbean island nation of Haiti, where loyalists of ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide seized on the Iraq beheadings as a symbol of strength and intimidation.

The headless bodies of three police officers were found in Port-au-Prince early last month, and authorities said the militants had launched a terror campaign called "Operation Baghdad."

Nobody claimed responsibility for the decapitations, but Aristide supporters echoed that thought.

"We'll be in the streets until death or Aristide comes back," protester Milo Fenelon said a few

days later. "We won't stop. If they come in here, we're going to cut off their heads. It's going to be just like Baghdad."

In Thailand this week, a Buddhist village leader was beheaded after being shot in the chest. A note was left on his body saying his slaying was to avenge the killing of Muslim rioters by government forces.

And in Amsterdam, a suspected Islamic extremist shot and killed Dutch filmmaker Theo van Gogh, then slit his throat. A note was left impaled by a knife on his body quoting from the Quran and threatening more killings.

"It's an ideal terrorist tool," said Jonathan Stevenson, senior fellow for counterterrorism at the International Institute for Strategic Studies in Washington. "It is a horrifying image and I would say it is disproportionately frightening."

The first beheading by Islamic militants in Iraq was the slaying in May of American civilian Nicholas Berg. The killers posted a video on the Internet showing them pushing a bound Berg to his side, putting a large knife to his neck and cutting off his head as a scream sounded and the killers shouted "Allahu akbar!" — "God is great."

Since then, at least 12 foreigners, including three other Americans, have been beheaded in Iraq as part of a wave of kidnappings. Videos and the Internet were used to distribute the horrifying images across the world, compounding the shock value.

"I think the initial reason for the beheadings was true shock and awe," Allaf said. "These people are extremely media savvy."

## Schroeder drops proposal to move Unity Day to weekend

By TONY CZUCZKA  
The Associated Press

BERLIN — German leaders on Friday scrapped a proposal to create an extra working day by moving the national holiday marking German reunification, bowing to criticism that the government had lost respect for the nation's history.

Chancellor Gerhard Schröder initially backed the plan, launched by members of his Cabinet, but he retracted later Friday, saying it would "obviously get no majority" in parliament.

The proposal, presented the week before the 15th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall, was part of a broader government effort to boost the economy and rein in the budget deficit.

But it was assailed by opposition conservatives, labor leaders and members of Schröder's coalition of Social Democrats and Greens. One conservative lawmaker called the government unpatriotic.

The suggestion was to shift Germany's Oct. 3 Unity Day to the first Sunday in October, making sure it would not fall on a weekday. The date recalls the 1990 day on which West and East Germany merged.

The head of Schröder's Social Democrats, Franz Müntefering, cited the widespread criticism in say-

ing he would not ask his legislators to pursue the plan, which requires parliament's approval.

"October 3 will remain a holiday," Müntefering said Friday.

A poll found 67 percent of Germans want to keep the Unity Day holiday, Der Spiegel magazine said Friday. The poll, taken this week, had a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Earlier, Schröder said he backed the proposal because Germans should "work a little bit more to maintain our prosperity," though he said he was "open to discussion" on how exactly to go about it.

Still, dropping the plan was an embarrassing setback for Schröder — and a sign of how touchy the relationship between Germany's dominant west and the ex-communist east remains.

German President Horst Köhler, a conservative who nominally stands above day-to-day politics, wrote to Schröder this week urging him to keep Oct. 3 a national holiday, as set down in the 1990 reunification treaty.

Köhler said the date was "a symbol for the reunification in peace and freedom" by honoring the democratic revolution that toppled the Berlin Wall and brought down East German communism, leading to reunification.

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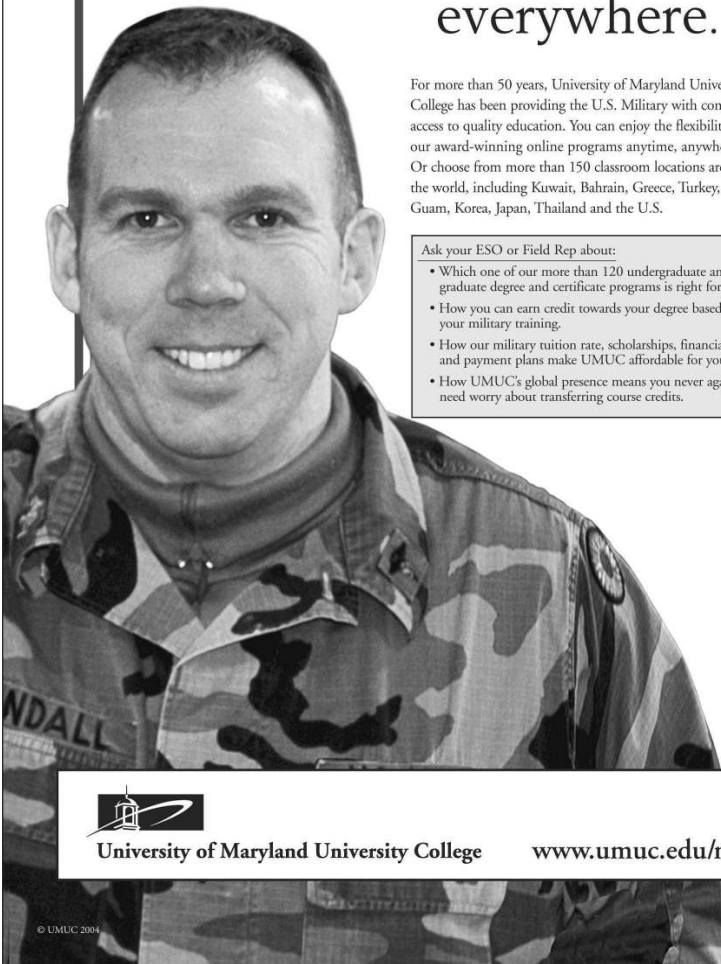
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## IN THE STATES

## Bush details new agenda in radio address

Reiterates need for Social Security reform, war on terror while urging bipartisanship

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush is striking twin themes for a second term, vowing to fight hard for his political agenda while reaching across the aisle to Democrats.

"Americans are expecting bipartisan effort and results," Bush said Saturday in his weekly radio address. "My administration will work with both parties ... to achieve those results, and to meet the responsibility we share."

Offering some words of conciliation, he said Republicans and Democrats can agree to aggressively pursue the war on terror, with every citizen having a stake in the outcome.

The challenge to working together, Bush suggested, will come on the domestic front.

"We must confront the junk and frivolous lawsuits that are driving up the cost of health care and hurting doctors and patients," he said. "We must continue to work on education reform to bring high standards and accountability, not just

to elementary schools, but to the high schools as well."

Democrats challenge Republican claims that frivolous lawsuits are on the rise and have successfully blocked reforms in Congress.

Doctors say ballooning education rates are a problem nationwide, and physicians have staged protests or walkouts in several states.

Lawsuit reform was a major issue in the presidential campaign, with Bush focusing on the fact that Kerry running mate John Edwards was a trial lawyer who sued doctors.

Bush's proposed education reforms may meet the same criticism that he faced in his first term with the No Child Left Behind

## Pelosi: Dems 'ready to work with' Bush

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Days after her party lost congressional seats and the White House race, California Rep. Nancy Pelosi struck a conciliatory tone, saying House Democrats "stand ready to work with" President Bush in his second term.

The message from the House minority leader, speaking Saturday in the weekly Democratic radio address, was in stark contrast to the pre-election combativity of late September when she used the same forum to call Bush's Iraq war a "grotesque mistake."

Now in the immediate aftermath of a bitterly fought election, Pelosi summoned Republican cooperation on initiatives she said both parties should support — better jobs, health care and education. She called for "more discourse and less discord" in the Congress but still pledged to not budge on issues where the two parties diverge.

"There are places where we differ, as well, and Democrats will stand our ground," Pelosi said.

Tuesday's election resulted in Republican gains of four seats in the Senate and at least three in the House.

Pelosi cited Bush's agenda for reforming Social Security — which includes giving younger workers the option of putting part of their payroll tax into personal retirement accounts — as a privatization plan that would end up cutting benefits for seniors and the disabled.

Describing the country as one divided along partisan lines, Pelosi said the split, "rather than being an excuse for inaction, must be a call to compromise and common sense. ... I hope that in this term President Bush will fulfill his renewed promise to be a uniter, not a divider."



Pelosi

Act: a good idea that was insufficiently funded by the administration and Congress.

The president stressed another issue with skepticism at home and abroad, promoting freedom and democracy in the Middle East. Those goals are "the alternatives

to tyranny and terror," he said.

Bush also promised to take on the special interest-clogged issue of reforming the tax code, a step he said the nation must take to get rid of needless paperwork and to make the economy more competitive.

He also committed his administration in its second term to altering the Social Security system, which he has said must be addressed by allowing taxpayers to invest part of their Social Security contributions in private accounts if they wish.

## Man gets 16 months after stealing patient's identity

By GENE JOHNSON

The Associated Press Writer

SEATTLE — A technician at a cancer center has been sentenced to 16 months in prison for stealing the identity of a gravely ill patient, who spent months trying to clear his name while the disease ravaged his body.

The technician, Richard W. Gibson, 42, is the first person in the nation sentenced under a new law designed to protect patients' privacy, federal prosecutors said.

He also will be required to pay at least \$15,000 in restitution, including reimbursing patient Eric Drew for the time and money he spent trying to clear his name.

"This court considers your behavior in this case to be some of the most deplorable I've seen in 15 years on the bench," U.S. District Judge Ricardo Martinez told Gibson.

The sentence was four months longer than prosecutors requested.

Drew, 37, said that while he was lying in a hospital bed, dying from cancer and weak from chemotherapy, he began to get mail thanking him for opening accounts he knew nothing about.

After a maddening six months of calling the companies, police, reporters and collection agencies, Drew discovered that Gibson, a technician at the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance, where he received the first of his two bone marrow transplants, had stolen his identity.

Drew, a mortgage banker from Los Gatos, Calif., recently had his second bone-marrow transplant at the University of Minnesota medical center.

"I felt completely ignored, frustrated and totally violated," he said in a videotaped statement played in court Friday. "Nobody seemed to empathize or care about this situation whatsoever, and my doctors and family wanted me to drop it because they were worried about the huge amount of stress this was placing on me. They were afraid it would actually cause my impending bone marrow transplant to fail."

The identity theft consumed his life and made it impossible for him to continue to raise money for bone marrow drives, charities and individual patients. He previously had raised \$250,000 for such causes, he said.

## GOP headquarters in North Carolina vandalized

RALEIGH, N.C. — Vandals spray painted vulgar messages on the walls of the North Carolina Republican Party headquarters and left a burned effigy depicting President Bush and Sen. John Kerry, police said.

Authorities detained several suspects early Saturday, hours after the attacks took place Friday night, but did not file any charges, police spokesman Jim Sughrue said.

A police officer reported Friday that about 100 people wearing masks and gloves were walking down a street near the headquarters.

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# Health study of Love Canal might not offer up answers

By CAROLYN THOMPSON  
The Associated Press

NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y. — The Love Canal neighborhood's recent exit from the Superfund list came with assurances that any environmental effects from the seeping chemical waste that forced its evacuation more than two decades ago had been addressed.

Measuring the health effects on the people who lived there has been a different matter.

A state Health Department study of birth defects, cancer rates and deaths among former Love Canal residents has stretched into a seventh year and cost at least \$3 million.

The Health Department says it is committed to finishing the federally funded study, initially expected to take five to six years.

But already some former Love Canal residents — even some working on the study — are expressing doubts about its reliability and wondering aloud whether it has been worth the time and money.

The study's preliminary findings indicate no spikes in cancer or death rates and minimal, if any, effects on births.

"It's just not going to be conclusive," said Patricia Grenzy, who grew up in Love Canal and is part of an expert panel advising the Health Department. "I think there was a lot of hard work put into this. It's just going to be hard to pinpoint a lot of things."

The neighborhood was built on and around a canal that for years was used as a chemical dump,

and by the 1960s and '70s contaminated groundwater was leaching into back yards and school grounds.

President Carter declared a federal emergency in 1978 and 1980, which led to the evacuation of some 900 families and the bulldozing of an elementary school and two streets built on the canal and the 21,800 tons of chemical byproducts it holds.

Passage of the 1980 Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, known as Superfund, soon followed.

After standing for years as an eerie ghost town of abandoned schools, churches and houses with left-behind family portraits on the walls and curtains in the windows, some of the homes were revitalized and re-inhabited. Others were bulldozed and the land deemed safe only for industry.

The canal and the 21 tons of chemical waste it still holds now are buried under a thick clay cap, a high-density liner and topsoil, and surrounded by a barrier drainage system.

Grenzy and others point to limitations within existing state and federal databases from which virtually all the information for the study is being culled. The "passive data collection" from cancer, mortality and birth defects registries required no direct participation from the roughly 6,100 former residents included in the study.

The department has acknowl-

ed shortcomings in the process, saying that even if unusual health patterns were found, they could not necessarily be linked to the chemical exposure — the very goal of the study.

"Every epidemiological study has limitations," read a September update posted on the DOH Web site with the release of preliminary birth results. "If an effect could not be found, it could mean there was none or it might indicate that we could not identify one."

And, the update continued, "observing an effect does not prove a relationship existed between any potential exposure and the health effect."

The department expressed similar cautions in a 2001 newsletter indicating the overall cancer rate of former Love Canal residents was no greater than for other upstate New Yorkers.

When the long-term study was announced, then-Health Commissioner Barbara DeBueno said it would be "the first comprehensive examination of the health status of the former residents." The department compiled a 2 1/2 page list of previous health studies.

Those involved are hesitant to call this the definitive study.

"The population was small, the health effects that we may see, if any, may be small," said advisory committee member Dr. I. Glenn Sipes, a biochemical toxicology expert.

"It's going to be tough. I think the most encouraging thing would be if we found no trends, then that would give us some positive feelings."



MIAMI HERALD/KRT

The King David Bikers is a Jewish motorcycle club that meets on Sundays in Hollywood, Fla., to eat, pray and go for a ride.

## Jews bond faith with bike passion

By ELINOR J. BRECHER

The Miami Herald

MIAMI — From a distance, they look like any other squadron of bikers out for a Sunday ride: leathers, flashy motorcycles, piratical bandanas. But pull up next to the King David Bikers and you will see T-shirts reading "100 percent kosher all-beef biker," gold chais (chai is Hebrew for "life") dangling from ears, Israeli flags whipping alongside U.S. flags and a two-tone bike with "Harley Ben David" painted on it.

Jewish bikers? Why not? "We share a passion to ride and the bond of our faith," said club president Jeff Mustard, 45, who is in advertising and public relations for an investment firm.

Mustard said with 105 members, the King David Bikers are the biggest Jewish motorcycle club in Florida, drawing doctors, lawyers, retirees, SJFS-seeking-SJMs-with-wheels and a middle-aged woman who will not give her name because her parents would plotz if they knew their nice Jewish daughter rode a motorcycle.

Founded last spring, the club joins the growing international universe of Jewish biker groups, including the New York Chai Riders, Hillel's Angels, Members of the Tribe, the YOWs — Yikes on Wheels — and SOB's — Semites on Bikes.

One recent Sunday, the club's spiritual leader, Rabbi Zachary Betesh, muscled a hefty leather saddle bag onto a table at JP Bistro, a kosher restaurant in Hollywood, Fla.

The day before, he had led an Orthodox Shabbat service at a Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Chabad center.

The club meets at the restaurant Sunday mornings to nosh, kibbitz and study scriptures before settling their helmets over their yarmulkes and roaring off wherever they decide to go.

"Who wants to daven (pray)?" asked Betesh, 48. Five men stepped forward as others headed for the breakfast buffet and still others went to check out the Bikers With Chutzpah caps and Jews Who Cruise mugs for sale.

Inside the saddle bag: *tefillin*, *talisman* and a downsize Torah scroll.

Teffilin are the leather boxes containing prayers attached to leather straps. Talisman are prayer shawls. Observant Jewish men use both for morning worship.

Betesh helped one of the men wrap tefillin around his arm. The worshippers faced east, began to chant and rock back and forth.

"All prayer should come from the heart," Betesh counseled. "This is the prayer that God hears."

This day, Betesh was not riding because he had to perform a wedding. He had pulled up in a mammoth black Humvee. In addition to a 2002 Ultra Classic, he also owns a 1996 Harley Fatboy.

It was a conventional wedding, he explained, "but someday I want to perform the first Orthodox Jewish biker wedding in South Florida."

A Long Islander, he has been riding since college, which he attended on a wrestling scholarship. He joined the club last August, after someone in his Lubavitch congregation mentioned hearing a bunch of Jewish bikers were looking for a spiritual leader.

The Brooklyn-born Mustard, who rides a Yamaha Road Star Silverado, started the club because he did not feel much of a connection to other bikers.

"I'd go to various meetings, mostly at bars, and found a not very welcoming environment, like I was the new kid at the bus stop."

Said charter member Irwin Zagoria, 47, a retirement planner from Plantation: "Everybody here is like family."

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# Governor's race in Washington still not settled

BY DAVID AMMONS  
The Associated Press

OLYMPIA, Wash. — Three days after Election Day, Democratic Christine Gregoire clung to a narrow lead Friday in the nation's last undecided race for governor — a cliffhanger contest that could drag on for weeks while the votes are counted.

With most of the state's 39 counties reporting additional votes, Gregoire, Washington's attorney general, led Republican former state Sen. Dino Rossi by 5,500 votes, a difference of less than a quarter of 1 percentage point. Nearly 2.4 million ballots have been counted.

A Gregoire victory would mean the Democrats would preserve their 22 governorships nationwide. The Republicans already are assured of at least maintaining their 28.

The counties believe they have about 400,000 additional ballots to count this week and next. The deadline for counties to certify is Nov. 17.

Gregoire and Rossi have stayed out of sight since Election Day, resting and spending time with their families while they await the verdict.

"We are definitely optimistic that as more of the later absentee comes in, we will continue to grow," said Rossi spokeswoman Mary Lane.

Gregoire campaign adviser

Christian Sinderman said, "We remain cautiously optimistic. The investment in turning out Democratic absentee voters seems to be paying off in the late ballot count."

Rossi and GOP groups hit Gregoire hard over a costly mistake in the attorney general's office that resulted in the state having to pay a multimillion-dollar judgment.

Gregoire, 57, played up her experience in serving three terms as attorney general and her role in securing a settlement of over \$200 million from Big Tobacco to compensate states for health care costs. She is seeking to become only the second woman governor in state history.

Rossi, 45, a real estate agent and self-made millionaire, was known for crafting a no-new-taxes state budget during a deep recession.

A third candidate, Libertarian Ruth Bennett, has played a potential spoiler role. The Seattle businesswoman ran as an "out" lesbian who advocated gay marriage, tailoring her message to Seattle liberals who otherwise would have voted for Gregoire.

The ballot count in Washington state is complicated by the fact that most residents cast absentee ballots through the mail.

A recount is automatic if the race ends in under one-half of 1 percentage point after and within 2,000 votes.

# Rich candidates dug deep into fortunes but fell short

BY MALIA RULON  
The Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Of the 22 candidates who each spent more than \$1 million of their own money trying to win their first election to Congress, only one made it.

The lesson, say analysts, is that ready cash is less important than experience and whether voters perceive wealthy candidates as "one of them."

"Millionaires don't automatically win," said Herb Asher, a political science professor at Ohio State University. "The money just gives them instant credibility and puts them in the position to be able to run in the first place."

The sole victor was former federal prosecutor Michael McCaul, who won in a Texas district once represented by Lyndon B. Johnson.

The biggest loser — in terms of money down the drain — was securities trader Blair Hull, who spent nearly \$29 million trying for a Senate seat but lost in the Illinois Democratic primary to Barack Obama.

The reasons the other 20 lost after spending a total exceeding \$40 million differ widely. Some ran against popular incumbents, some dived in out against other millionaires in their state's primary election, and a few ran close and credible races only to come up short at the very end.

Democratic Senators Russ Feingold of Wisconsin, Barbara Mikulski of Maryland and Chris Dodd of Connecticut easily swept past their wealthy challengers.



Illinois U.S. Senate candidate Blair Hull spent \$29 million trying to win a Senate primary but lost to Barack Obama. The lesson might be that ready cash isn't as important as experience.

"If they are running against strong incumbents who can raise their own money, that can make a big difference," Asher said.

A campaign finance rule that went into effect this year helped the incumbents by allowing those running against millionaires to raise from donors up to \$6,000 a person — three times the normal ceiling on individual contributions to a single candidate.

In Texas, McCaul, a former counterterrorism specialist in the Justice Department, had the experience — and the cash. McCaul spent about \$2 million from his own pocket to defeat millionaire Ben Streusand, a Houston-area

mortgage banker, in a Republican runoff primary election. Since there was no Democratic candidate, McCaul won election to the House.

Sometimes wealthy political wannabes will put up their money for an initial bid for public office to win name recognition for use in subsequent races.

Stanley Renshon, a political psychologist at the City University of New York, said it often comes down to whether voters perceive the millionaires as one of them.

"We don't mind people making money, but we don't like people who make money and think they are better than us. The secret is to be rich but not snobby."

# Calif. 'mystery candidate' wins school board spot

BY BEN FOX  
The Associated Press

SANTA ANA, Calif. — Steve Rocco filed a candidate statement or mount a campaign for the school board. He's unknown to teachers and the district and only barely known to his neighbors.

Nonetheless, the man being called a "mystery candidate" easily beat an opponent who is active, and relatively well known, in the Orange Unified School District.

Now all that's left is to find him. Rocco provided little information about himself in his candidate filings. He ignored mail from district officials and the teachers' union during the campaign. When the PTA sent him an invitation to a candidate forum, the letter came back unopened.

Rocco ran for mayor of Santa Ana in 2000 and raised eyebrows there as well. He declined to provide personal information or to discuss the campaign, and showed up at a candidate forum

dressed in camouflage and sunglasses. He came in last place, with 12 percent of the vote.

What might have helped him this time around was that he identified himself as a writer/educator on the ballot, though he offered no proof of those occupations.

He is 53 and was born in Italy, according to his voter registration, where he declined to state his party affiliation. The candidate didn't bother with a ballot statement outlining his platform.

If he shows up to the monthly meetings of the district, Rocco will receive \$750 per month. But officials are wondering what they will do if he is as scarce in office as he was during the campaign.

He will be one of seven board members in charge of setting policy for a district that has a budget of \$230 million and serves nearly 32,000 students at 42 schools in Orange and surrounding areas. Rocco, who has no children and whose job is uncertain, won with nearly 54 percent of the vote.

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# Senator: School strafing is 'incomprehensible'

By WAYNE PARRY  
The Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — Calling the accidental strafing of a school by a fighter jet "totally incomprehensible," Sen. Frank Lautenberg called on the Air National Guard to halt all training flights over New Jersey until an investigation is complete.

The New Jersey Democrat on Friday demanded a "guarantee that nothing like this can ever happen again."

Nobody was injured when the rounds hit the Little Egg Harbor Intermediate School just after 10 p.m. Wednesday. A custodian was the only employee in the

section of the building that was hit; she was not hurt.

National Guard officials are trying to figure out why the pilot opened fire from 7,000 feet with 25 rounds from a wing-mounted M61-A1 Vulcan cannon. The pilot, who was not identified by the military, was supposed to be aiming at a target on a practice range 3½ miles away.

Operations at the firing range have been halted while the incident is investigated.

At least eight of the 2-inch-long bullets penetrated classrooms, Little Egg Harbor Police Chief Mark Siino said. The rounds also punctured the school's roof, knocked down ceiling tiles and scratched the pavement.

The school was closed Thursday and Friday because of a teachers conference. Mike Dupuis, president of the township Board of Education, said the damage was minor and the school will reopen Monday.

The jet belongs to the 113th Wing of the District of Columbia National Guard, and is based at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland.

Army Maj. Sheldon Smith, a spokesman for the District of Columbia National Guard, said the investigation is complete, "I think we have suspended flying there until this investigation is complete."

Smith could not say how long that would take.

"They're going to be looking at the gun and anything else they want to determine why the weapon fired, as well as interviewing the pilot," he said. "We want to make sure that if there is a problem we correct it right away."

Smith said this was the unit's first accident with its F-16s in 14 years of flying them.

The 113th has been in the air over Washington 24 hours a day since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Some of its pilots have flown missions above the Iraq war, and in the no-fly zones above Iraq before the war, Smith said.



Attorney David Strachman, left, walks out of U.S. District Court with Amici Aron, from Israel, following a July 2002 hearing in federal court in Providence, R.I. Strachman represented the family of Yaron and Efrat Ungar, killed in a drive-by shooting near the West Bank by Hamas militants, in their successful lawsuit against Hamas under the Anti-Terrorism Act of 1990. The Ungars were awarded \$116 million.

## Terror victims sue for justice

By RICHARD C. LEWIS  
The Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — A decade before the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks changed the face of terrorism for Americans, a law that allowed victims to sue terrorist organizations sat on the books, unnoticed.

But with two separate lawsuits that ask for hundreds of millions of dollars from terror-linked terrorism making their way through U.S. District Courts in Rhode Island and Illinois, the Anti-Terrorism Act has been getting more attention lately.

Legal experts and scholars say the cases are promising examples of how to hold terrorist groups accountable for their actions.

Lawyers for victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks are gleefully legal arguments from them for their own lawsuits against al-Qaida, Osama bin Laden and others.

Still, the law's merit will be tested by whether the two cases can actually deliver money to the families of the dead, analysts say.

The Rhode Island lawsuit stems from the June 1996 slayings of Yaron Ungar, an American Jew, and his wife, Efrat. The couple were killed by Hamas gunmen when driving home from a wedding in Israel.

A month before, another American, 17-year-old David Boim, was gunned down by Hamas militants as he stood at a bus stop in the West Bank. Boim's lawsuit is filed in Illinois, where some of the defendants are located.

In 2000, the families went to court for justice. Four years later, the Ungars and Boims have regis-

tered victories that their attorneys say show the law does have teeth.

The Ungars won a \$116 million judgment against Hamas when the group failed to contest the action, and are moving to collect.

They've also persuaded the court that the Palestinian Liberation Organization and its governmental entity should each pay \$116 million for providing a safe haven and operational base for Hamas.

The PLO and Palestinian Authority are appealing the ruling.

"If we can take away \$100 million from them, they have less funds to use for terrorist activities," said David Strachman, a Providence attorney and executor of the Ungars' estate.

Strachman has subpoenaed U.S. Treasury officials and U.S. banks and received a court order for the British to detail any Hamas assets frozen since 2001.

Mousa Abu Marzuq, a senior Hamas political leader, gave no indication his group would pay.

Because the bulk of the group's assets appear to be abroad, Strachman said he'll seek to have the American judgment enforced in courts overseas. Experts are doubtful whether he'll succeed.

The Boims decided to go after Muslim charities in the United States that allegedly sent money or other support to Hamas. A jury trial in the lawsuit is scheduled to begin Dec. 1 in Chicago.

The strategy to go after charities has been copied by the Sept. 11 victims. Their attorneys quoted a judge's ruling from the Boim case when they filed their original complaint. The suit seeks trillions of dollars in damages from roughly 200 defendants.

## Feds: Obesity epidemic weighing down planes

By DANIEL YEE  
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Heavy suitcases aren't the only things weighing down airplanes and requiring them to burn more fuel, pushing up the cost of flights. A new government study reveals that airlines increasingly have to worry more about the weight of their passengers.

America's growing waistlines are hurting the bottom lines of airline companies as the extra pounds on passengers are causing a drag on planes. Heavier flyers have created heavier fuel costs, according to the government study.

Through the 1990s, the average weight of Americans increased by 10 pounds, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The extra weight caused airlines to spend \$275 million to burn 350 million more gallons of fuel in 2000 just to carry the additional weight of Americans, the federal agency estimated in a recent issue of the American Journal of Preventive Medicine.

"The obesity epidemic has unexpected consequences beyond direct health effects," said Dr. Deron Burton of the CDC. "Our goal was to highlight one area that had not been looked at before."

The extra fuel burned also had an environmental impact, as an estimated 38 million extra tons of carbon dioxide were released into the air, according to the study.

The agency said its calculations are rough estimates, issued to highlight previously undocumented consequences of the ongoing obesity epidemic.

The estimates were calculated

by determining how much fuel the 10 extra pounds of weight per passenger represented in Department of Transportation airline statistics, Burton said.

More than half — 56 percent — of U.S. adults were overweight or obese in the early 1990s, according to a CDC survey. That rose to 65 percent in a similar survey done from 1999 to 2002.

Although the Air Transport Association of America has not yet validated the CDC data, spokesman Jack Evans said the health agency's appraisal "does not sound out of the realm of reality."

With most airlines reporting losses blamed partly on record-high fuel costs, everything on an airplane is now a weighty issue.

Airlines are doing everything they can to lighten the load on all aircraft, from wide-body jets to turboprops.

Bulky magazines have gone out the door. Metal forks and spoons have been replaced with plastic. Large carry-ons are being scrutinized and even heavy materials that used to make up airplane seats are being replaced with plastic and other lightweight materials.

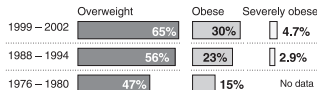
"We're dealing in a world of small numbers — even though it has a very incremental impact" to reduce a 40- to 120-ton aircraft's weight by bumping off a few magazines, Evans said. "When you consider airlines are flying millions of miles, it adds up over time."

Evans says it's not likely airlines will scrutinize how much passengers weigh. Instead, they are trying to do a better job of estimating passenger weight in figuring out how much fuel they need for a flight.

### Feds say obesity weighing down planes

A new study reveals that growing waistlines are hurting the bottom lines of airline companies as extra pounds on passengers are causing a drag on planes and heavier fuel costs. Sixty-five percent of U.S. adults were overweight between 1999 and 2002.

#### Percentage of U.S. adults overweight and obese



# The mental training table

## College basketball players improve court vision, skills by using video game made for fighter pilots

By WOODY BAIRD  
The Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Simplix Njoya, a forward on the University of Memphis' men's basketball team, sat hunched over a laptop, testing an idea first studied on Israeli fighter pilots.

The premise: Skills he picks up playing a complex computer game can make him a better player.

"The theory is, it's going to be the weight room for the brain," said Memphis assistant coach Ed Schilling.

The on-screen action looks nothing like a basketball game, but is designed to work on the visual and decision-making skills a player needs. Basketball programs at Memphis and the University of Kentucky are testing the game to see if it gives players an edge.

Called IntelliGym, the game was created by Israeli company Applied Cognitive Engineering (ACE) Inc. The company's research supervisor, Daniel Go-

pher, first tested the theory with a study on Israeli pilot cadets in the 1980s.

In addition to their regular training, some cadets played a computer game aimed at improving their concentration.

Gopher and colleagues at the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology said in a 1994 report that cadets who played the computer game "performed significantly better" than other trainees in subsequent test flights.

The basketball training game is different than the one used by the pilots, but ACE says it is based on the same principles. The company hopes to sell the software and support for \$5,000 to \$10,000 a season to colleges and up to \$85,000 to professional teams.

Video games are being used for everything from preparing soldiers for battle to helping surgeons improve hand-eye coordination, said Marc Prensky, author of the book, "Digital Game-Based Learning."

Daphne Bavelier, a professor

of cognitive sciences at the University of Rochester, said she had not seen the ACE game but knew of Gopher's work with pilots.

The basic theories are still under study but research indicates that some video games can shorten reaction time for processing visual information, said Bavelier. She has done studies finding that young adults who played video games had better visual skills than those who didn't.

In IntelliGym, two sets of abstract figures move constantly across a dark screen. One set is larger and egg-shaped, while the other looks like small video-game spaceships.

A player tries to attach one of the smaller figures to a larger one to steal its "energy." The player also must "shoot" to transfer power from one small figure to another as openings appear.

The game gets progressively more difficult as it's played and is individually adjusted depending on a player's strengths or weak-



University of Memphis forward Almay Thiero, left, uses a computer program called IntelliGym on Oct. 12 in Memphis, Tenn., as assistant coach Ed Schilling looks over his shoulder.

nesses.

The idea is to increase the player's ability to focus on several things at once, recognize patterns among moving objects and make decisions quickly.

The training runs from six to 10 weeks with two 30- to 40-minute sessions each week. Results of each player's training sessions are transmitted to a computer at ACE, then on to coaches.

Njoya said he enjoys it.

"You keep moving, so you've got to constantly deal with what's

the best decision," he said. "It's like when you're driving with the ball. Who's in the open? Who's being guarded?"

Memphis coaches expect to judge the game's success by turnover rates, shooting percentages and other statistics. If a player starts picking better shots or getting more assists, it might be due, in part, to the computer game.

"If it decreases one turnover a game, that's the difference between winning or losing many two games in a season," Schilling said.

# Pabst lives on in old Milwaukee brewery

By GRETCHEN EHLEKE  
The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — When Pabst Brewing Co. abruptly closed its headquarters here in 1996 and later moved to San Antonio, the owner and his workers left behind a treasure trove of relics dating back to the brewer's 1844 origin.

A yellowed visitors' registry and vintage photographs uncovered in a basement storage area of the former brewing complex provide a link to the rich heritage of Pabst, once the nation's largest brewer.

On a calendar on the wall in one corporate office is still turned to December 1996, when the brewing era came to a halt at the 22-acre complex. Dusty ornaments hang on a wall, and a small balsam Christmas tree in another office area, a reminder of happier times when Pabst managers gathered in Blue Ribbon Hall at the end of the week to swap stories and share the product they had a hand in making.

That December, Pabst stopped making Blue Ribbon and its other beers at the downtown plant for the first time since Prohibition.

Personal belongings were left behind. Company-issued jackets hung in the lockers of production workers. Pictures were stuck in lockers doors, dirty glasses and ashtrays filled with cigarette butts were left on desks.



A photo of some of the old relics that were found by the Brew City redevelopment group that has purchased the old Pabst Brewery in Milwaukee, Wis.

The brewing company got its start in Milwaukee after Jacob Best Sr. relocated his German brewery. Two of Best's four sons, Jacob Jr. and Charles, had traveled to Milwaukee in 1842 to establish a vineyard factory. Charles Best returned to Mettenheim, Germany, and brought the rest of the family to Milwaukee early in 1844.

Son Phillip Best became the sole proprietor in 1859 and established the Phillip Best Brewing Co. Five years later he became partners with Capt. Frederick Pabst, who had married Phillip's daughter.

By 1874, the brewery was the nation's largest. It became the Pabst Brewing Co. in 1889 with Charles Pabst at the helm.

A year after Prohibition was repealed in 1933, Pabst's sales broke the 1 million barrel mark.

It tripled sales by 1946 and nearly quadrupled them again by 1968 after buying Blatz Brewing Co.

"Every bar went to, everything was Pabst," said Beverly Leonardelli, 70, of Milwaukee. Her former husband, who worked for Pabst for 32 years, would bring home a turkey and a case of beer from his employer every Christmas.

Pabst's sales had reached 15.6 million barrels by 1978 before they began to decline. The brewer laid off 70 percent of its Milwaukee work force by early 1996 and later that year announced it would shift the remaining production to Stroh Brewing Co.'s La Crosse plant. Pabst had already contracted with Stroh to handle two-thirds of its production in La Crosse.

Remnants of Pabst's brewing history remained behind at the

Milwaukee headquarters, some evident in the elaborate carvings and stained glass at its offices and visitors' center, others boxed and buried in the basement.

The Pabst complex remained undisturbed until developers purchased the \$10.3 million property in September 2002 and meticulously began picking through the past.

Brew City president Jim Haertel and his sister, Linda Gleason, of Mesa, Ariz., poked around a basement storage area.

"We saw piles of boxes and papers. We were like, 'What is this?' When we started going through we saw [photographs of] Groucho Marx and Danny Kaye. And we were like, 'Oh, my gosh, these are people that have visited here and left their mark on this place,'" Gleason said. "It was such a thrill because it was history coming to life right there."

# Former NFL kicker may plea insanity in shooting

The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — A former National Football League player accused of firing shots into the compound of Siegfried & Roy may seek an insanity defense, his attorney said Friday.

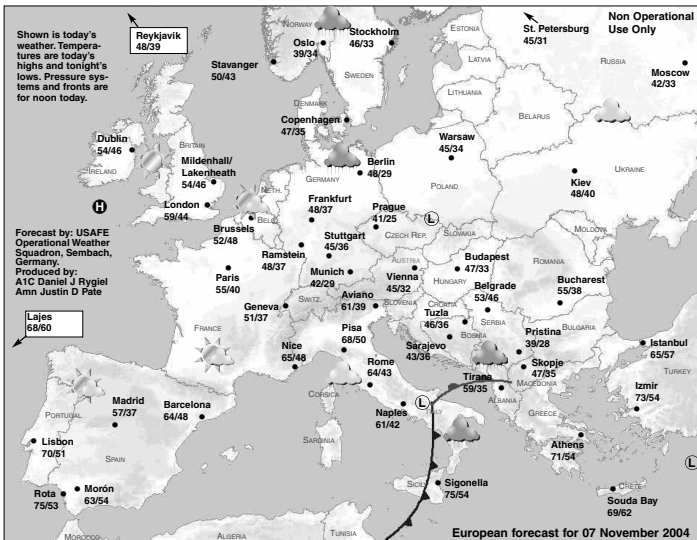
"It's clear his mental state is an issue," public defender Daren Richards said after Cole Murdoch Ford's initial court appearance in the drive-by shooting on Sept. 21. Ford, 31, was not required to enter a plea to charges of assault with a deadly weapon, discharging a firearm from a motor vehicle and discharging a firearm at a structure. He appeared by closed-circuit video and a judge scheduled another hearing Nov. 22.

Ford, a former kicker for the Oakland Raiders, was arrested Tuesday when a woman recognized him at a copy store near the Las Vegas Strip and summoned police.

He could face up to 27 years in prison if convicted of all charges.

He had been sought after a white minivan as the owner of a white minivan from which shots were fired at the compound owned by entertainers Siegfried Fischbacher and Roy Horn. No one was hurt, but police said shotgun pellets shattered windows and left a hole in a wall.

Witnesses told police the gunman fired that the entertainers should get out of the country. Police have not said if the two men were home at the time.



# EUROPEAN FORECAST

**BeneLux:** Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s, Monday lows in the upper 30s.

**Britain, Ireland:** Sunny. Highs in the mid to upper 50s, Monday lows in the mid to upper 40s.

**Croatia and Bosnia:** Cloudy with rain showers and morning fog. Highs in the mid-40s, Monday lows in the upper 30s.

**France:** Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s to mid 60s, Monday lows in the upper 40s.

**Northern Germany:** Cloudy with isolated rain showers. Highs in the upper 40s, Monday lows in the upper 20s to upper 30s.

**Southern Germany:** Cloudy with rain showers. Highs in the mid to upper 40s, Monday lows in the upper 30s.

**Hungary:** Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s, Monday lows in the low 30s.

**Northern Italy:** Mostly cloudy. Highs in the low 60s to low 70s, Monday lows in the upper 30s to low 50s.

**Southern Italy:** Cloudy with rain showers and isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the low 60s, Monday lows in the low to mid 40s.

**Kosovo:** Cloudy with rain. Highs in the upper 30s to low 50s, Monday lows in the upper 20s to low 30s.

**Norway:** Partly cloudy with isolated rain showers. Highs in the upper 30s to low 50s, Monday lows in the mid 30s to low 40s.

**Portugal, Spain:** Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s to lower 70s, Monday lows in the upper 30s to low 50s.

**Turkey:** Partly to mostly cloudy with rain showers and isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 50 to upper 70s, Monday lows in the upper 30s to low 50s.



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Capetown	74	57	Mogadishu	85	75
Dakar	86	73	Nairobi	76	60
Freeport	88	75	Rabat	74	56
Khartoum	85	72	Tripoli	83	66

## THE WORLD

Amsterdam	54	42	Manila	89	75
Bangkok	80	67	Mexico City	88	75
Beijing	61	38	Montreal	66	45
Bombay	81	68	Riyadh	82	44
Buenos Aires	76	70	Sao Paulo	79	65
Calcutta	85	72	Singapore	84	72
Chennai	82	71	Tokyo	67	53

## MIDDLE EAST

Abu Dhabi	88	75	Baghdad	80	59
Amman	85	72	Beirut	74	56
Antananarivo	85	72	Brussels	52	48
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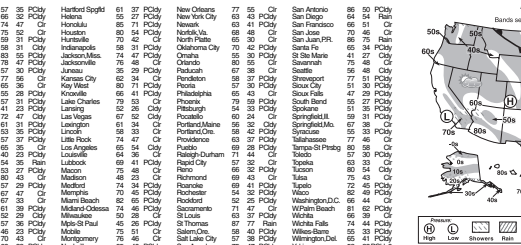
## SUN & MOON

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Sunset (Baghdad)	5:07pm	5:08pm
Sunset (Frankfurt)	4:54pm	4:52pm

## TODAY'S STATESIDE OUTLOOK

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2004

(AFN-FAMILY)	(AFN-MOVIE)	(AFN-EUROPE)	(AFN-KOREA)	(AFN-NEWS)	(AFN-SPORTS)	(AFN-ENTERTAINMENT)	(AFN-PACIFIC)
9:00 House of Mouse	(8:52) Movie *** Introducing Dorothy Dandridge (1959) Also: Story Based on the life of the history-making actress.	The Movie "The Other Me" (2000) Amy Lawton, Brandon Jefferson, Lori Hallier	Stargate SG-1 Heroes (Part 1 of 2)	Make it Count	PGA Golf The Tour Championship - Third Round From East Lake Golf Club in Atlanta. (Taped)	Latin Lifestyles	Stargate SG-1 Heroes (Part 1 of 2)
9:30 Animaniacs "King Yakko"				America's Black Forum		Urban Style	
10:00 ECR ESN in Easy				The Chris Matthews Show		Forty Camp	Headline News
10:30 Gilmore Girls (E)				Non-Military Corps News		Router on the Road	ESPNs
11:00 Out There	Movie *** "Forget Paris" (1995, Comedy) Billy Crystal, Aimee Mullins face off during the history-making actress.	Destinations	Smallville "Magnetic"	Big Story Weekend Edition		Racial Sabotage	Smallville "Magnetic"
11:30 Planet's Funniest Animals		Headline News	Movie *** "Enemy at the Gates" (2001, Drama) Jude Law, Two snipers face off during the Battle of Stalingrad.	CNN Presents	SportsCenter	The Suez Orman Show	Movie *** "Enemy at the Gates" (2001, Drama) Jude Law, Two snipers face off during the Battle of Stalingrad.
12:00 Nick News Special Edition		College Football Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	(15) Headline News	Fox and Friends	College Football Teams to Be Announced. (Taped)	Celebrity Poker Showdown	(15) Headline News
12:30 Happy Days		WWE Smackdown!	Scrubs "My Nominations"	CBS News Sunday Morning		Battle Stations "Oop Zone"	Scrubs "My Nominations"
13:00 Movie *** "Noah" (1998, Drama) Daniel Dae Kim, Wallace Shuman, Jane Sibbett.		Access Hollywood	Meet the Press			JAG "Touch and Go"	Meet the Press
13:30 Movie *** "Amie" (1999, Drama) Kathy Bates, Alan Cumming, Adam McDougal.		America's Black Forum		Face the Nation	SportsCenter	America's Black Forum	
16:00 Hey Arnold!	(16) Movie *** "Passenger 57" (1992, Drama) Wesley Snipes, Bruce Payne.	Access Hollywood		Meet the Press	NFL Countdown	Good Eats	America's Black Forum
16:30 Rocket Power (Part 2 of 3)		ESPNs		Marine Corps News		My Wife and Kids	ESPNs
17:00 SpongeBob SquarePants		NFL Today (Live)		Latin Edition		King of the Hill	NFL Today (Live)
17:30 Rugrats		NFL Football Regional Coverage - Kansas City at Tampa Bay, New York Jets at Buffalo, Oakland at Carolina. (Live)		Meet the Press	PEA Bowling Chicago Open. From Vernon Hills, IL. (Taped)	Hope & Faith	NFL Football Regional Coverage - Arizona at Miami, Dallas at Cincinnati, Philadelphia at Pittsburgh or Washington at Detroit. (Live)
18:00 The Crocodile Hunter: Hunt the Crocodiles Don't They		NFL Football Regional Coverage - Houston Texans at Denver Broncos or New England Patriots at St. Louis Rams. (Live)			Countdown to Green	NCIS "Minimum Security"	
19:00 America's Funniest Home Videos	Movie *** "Mighty Joe Young" (1998, Drama) Charlize Theron, Female of the 1940 classic about an extremely large gorilla.				NSCAR Racing Taped Cup Series - Checker Auto Parts 500 From Phoenix International Raceway in Ayndale, Ariz. (Same-day Taped)	Friends	NFL Football Regional Coverage - Chicago at N.Y. Giants, New Orleans at San Diego or Seattle at San Francisco. (Live)
20:00 Gilmore Girls "The Nanny and the Professor"						Sentinel "The Soap Nazi"	
21:00 American Dreams "Ticket to Ride"	(16) Movie *** "Big Momma's House" (2000, Comedy) Martin Lawrence, Nia Long, Paul Giamatti.					Mad TV	
21:30 The Cosby Show							
22:00 Home Improvement							
23:00 Touched by an Angel "Homecoming" (Part 2 of 2)							

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2004

00:30	SpongeBob SquarePants	(11:00) Movie *** "The Thing" (1982) Kurt Russell.	NFL Football: Texans at Broncos or Patriots at Rams	Tim Russert	NASCAR Racing: Nextel Cup	Austin City Limits "The Jayhawks: Gilan Welch"	NFL Football: Regional Coverage
00:30	Rugrats				NFL Football	Hope & Faith	Little Bear "First Frost"
1:00	The Crocodile Hunter: Hunt the Crocodiles Don't They	(12:47) Movie *** "Beverly Hills Cop III" (1994) Eddie Murphy, Judge Reinhold.	NFL Football: Texans to Be Announced. (Taped)	Fox Report	NFL Football	The King of Queens	Wheel of Fortune
1:30	America's Funniest Home Videos			Wheel of Fortune	NFL Primetime (Live)	Last Comic Standing	Dr. Phil
2:00	America's Funniest Home Videos			Dr. Phil	NFL Football (Cleveland Browns at Baltimore Ravens. From M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore. Live)	NCIS "Minimum Security"	Oprah Winfrey
3:00	Gilmore Girls "The Nanny and the Professor"			Oprah Winfrey	Dateline International	Friends	Headline News
3:30	America's Funniest Home Videos			Headline News	60 Minutes	Sentinel "The Soap Nazi"	Judge Judy
4:00	America's Funniest Home Videos			Headline News	CNN Presents	Breathin' Space Yoga	Access Hollywood
5:00	Sesame Street (E)			Judge Judy	(25) Guiding Light	Caribbean Workout	(25) Guiding Light
5:30	Barny & Friends (E)			Headline News	(13) General Hospital	Body Shopping	(13) General Hospital
6:30	Blue's Clues			Headline News	Larry King Live	Typical Mary Ellen	Typical Mary Ellen
7:00	Dragon Tales (E)			Headline News	CNN Sunday Night	The View	Aladdin
7:30	Bob the Builder			Headline News	Next at CNN	Emeril Live	Mucha Lucha
8:00	The Wiggles			Headline News	The Bellway Boys	30 Minute Meals	Kim Possible
8:30	Dora the Explorer "Click"			Headline News	Fox News Watch	Paula's Home Cooking	Jacquelyn
9:00	Stanley			Headline News	Bulls and Bears	Designers' Challenge	Headline News
9:30	Sage-Siamess Cat			Headline News	Carve on Business	Fashion Emergency	AFN Evening News
10:00	Arthur (E)			Headline News	Dateline NBC	The Soup	60 Minutes
10:30	Between the Lions (E)			Headline News	Next at CNN	The King of Queens	Without a Trace "Revelations"
11:00	Sage-Siamess Cat			Headline News	Good Morning America	That '70s Show	Girlfriends
11:30	Stanley			Headline News	24 Day 3: 3:00 AM - 4:00 AM	Charged "Hell Hath No Fury"	24 Day 3: 3:00 AM - 4:00 AM
12:00	Dora the Explorer			Headline News	Pacific Report	Aly McBeal "I Know Him a Heart"	The Tonight Show
12:30	The Wiggles			Headline News	The Tonight Show	Any Day Now "Three Hours a Week"	Late Show
13:00	Bob the Builder			Headline News	Headline News	ER "Blood, Sugar, Sex, Magic"	Access Hollywood
13:30	Dragon Tales (E)			Headline News	Channel One	Law & Order "Thill"	Headline News
14:00	Shun's Clues Sue is sad.			Headline News	The Early Show	The Late Show	The Late Show
14:30	Barny & Friends (E)			Headline News	ATP Tennis: Tennis Masters Series - BNP Paribas	The Simpsons	Dennis Miller
15:00	Funnies Home Videos			Headline News	SportsCenter	Everybody Loves Raymond	Countdown With Keith Olsen
15:30	Full House "Greek Week"			Headline News	College Gameday	Law & Order "Himan"	Entertainment Studios.com
16:00	Robinson: Legions of Luxury			Headline News	NFL Monday Quarterback	American Hot Rod "Linkyard Dog 1"	Headline News
16:30	Yu-Gi-Oh! (Part 2 of 2)			Headline News	NFL Primetime	Friends	Today Tom Hanks: Ellen DeGeneres, Veronica Adams.
17:00	Hey Arnold!			Headline News	Around the Horn	Sentinel "The Secret Code"	Headline News
17:30	Rocket Power (Part 2 of 3)			Headline News	Paradise Interruption	Blind Date	
18:00	SpongeBob SquarePants			Headline News			
18:30	Rugrats			Headline News			
19:00	Lizzie McGuire			Headline News			
19:30	Taina "Friend or Phone"			Headline News			
20:00	Smallville "Hug"			Headline News			
20:30	Boy Meets World			Headline News			
21:00	Boy Meets World			Headline News			
21:30	The Cosby Show			Headline News			
22:00	Home Improvement			Headline News			
23:00	Touched by an Angel "The Journalist"			Headline News			
23:30				Headline News			

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**Q** Nancy Sinatra recently complained, "I get no respect."  
**What makes her feel like the late Rodney Dangerfield?**  
— Dave Wylie, Austin, Texas

**A** At age 64 — and after 30 years out of the musical spotlight, except for a 1995 album, "One More Time" — the singer is feeling a bit defensive about her comeback disc, "Nancy Sinatra." She need not worry. Nancy may be no Frank, but rock stars like Bono, Morrissey and Thurston Moore contributed songs to her new CD, which should ensure a hit.



CBS

**Dick Van Dyke won't be along for the ride this time in "Chitty."**

**Q** Any chance that Dick Van Dyke, star of the '68 film "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang," will take on the role of Grandfather Potts when it comes to Broadway next year as a musical? — Carolyn Waterbury-Tieman, Lexington, Ky.

**A** The producers asked, but Dick said he was not eager to take on a long Broadway run at 78. Instead, he'll lend his voice to Ron Howard's animated feature "Curious George," due out next year.

**Q** I understand that fitness guru Jack LaLanne turned 90 recently. What's the secret of his long life?

— Mark Burrell, Stow, Mass.

**A** Jack says he lives by a simple philosophy: "I can't die — it would ruin my image."

**Q** Now that Billy Bush has replaced Pat O'Brien as co-host of "Access Hollywood," will we hear more about his relationship to President Bush?

— Sharron Lockwood, Wilton, Calif.

**A** No. Billy, 33, hates talking about his ties to the Bush family (he and the President have the same grandfather and are first cousins), because it looks as though he's trading on his famous name. In fact, it took Billy 10 years to become a star himself in the celebrity capital of L.A., where he lives with his wife, Sydney. Their third child, Lillie, was born last month.

**Q** I hear Star Jones asked so many friends to be attendants at her Nov. 13 wedding, she had bridal showers on both coasts. How many bridesmaids will she have?

— Katie Clark, Madison, Wis.

**A** Fifteen. While Star's "View" co-hosts watch from the sidelines, her attendants will include actresses Vivica A. Fox and Holly Robinson Peete. Star, 42, has been shedding pounds to fit into the gown for her wedding to banker Al Reynolds, 35, in New York. If she keeps it up, Star will be sharing clothes with Lara Flynn Boyle.

**Q** After Matt Damon and Ben Affleck made "Good Will Hunting," it looked as if Ben would outshine his pal as the bigger star. But just the opposite happened. Why?

— Roberta D., Cleveland, Ohio

**A** Because Matt is the better actor. And unlike Ben, 32, who's stiff and unnatural onscreen, Matt, 34, comes across as a likable Everyman. That certainly was true in his two "Bourne" films. We don't think Ben's new comedy, "Surviving Christmas," will do much to enhance his image.



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**Oh, for the days of "Good Will Hunting," before we found out that Ben Affleck, left, couldn't act after all.**



Miramax

Critics said the movie "Shall We Dance?" is disappointingly low on actual dance scenes, but at least it yielded a nice song.

**Q** Jennifer Lopez's new film with Richard Gere, "Shall We Dance?," has a beautiful love song. Who sings it? And is it on a CD? — Rene Cua, Sheboygan, Wis.

**A** That romantic tune, "Book of Love," was written for the film by Stephin Merritt and sung by Peter Gabriel. It's on the "Shall We Dance?" soundtrack CD, along with "Let's Dance" by Mya and "Sway" by the Pussycat Dolls.

**Q** I heard that Iraq's interim president, Ghazi al-Yawer, wed his minister of public works. But isn't he already married? — Elaine Lombardo, Middleton, Mass.

**A** Yes, he has two other wives in Saudi Arabia. It's not clear if this third marriage is official yet. The most significant factor is that al-Yawer, 46, is a prominent Sunni Muslim, and the woman, Nesreen Mustafa Berwari, 37, is a prominent Kurd. Their marriage could seal an alliance between two of Iraq's important minority groups.

**Q** I miss Louis Rukeyser on CNBC. When do you think he'll return? — Karen Schneider, Riverside, Ill.

**A** Probably never. Rukeyser, 71, had routine back surgery last year at the Mayo Clinic, but the back pain persisted. While he was recovering at his home in New Jersey, a malignancy was discovered. He has undergone treatment but recently asked CNBC to suspend production of "Louis Rukeyser's Wall Street" because, he said, "I can no longer predict when I will be ready to rejoin you."



ABC

**Star Jones will have plenty of help handling her flowers at her wedding Saturday — she will have 15 attendants.**

## Border produce

**AZ** PHOENIX — Federal inspectors loosened restrictions on Mexican produce at some ports of entry in Arizona, state agricultural officials said.

Tighter inspection requirements had been placed on Mexican produce after a Medfly outbreak began in Tijuana, Mexico, south of San Diego. All shipments coming across the U.S.-Mexico border were being inspected for Medflies, which can attack more than 250 kinds of fruits, nuts and vegetables.

With the change in restrictions Wednesday, importers will still need to demonstrate that produce didn't originate in Tijuana, but thorough inspections will be done only on one in 20 shipments at most Arizona ports of entry.

The looser restrictions affect crops stretching from Lukeville to Texas.

Heavier inspection requirements, however, will remain in San Luis, south of Yuma, and along the border to the west. They will also apply to crops considered a high risk.

## Campaign of inaction

**AR** SPRINGDALE — Want to get elected to the Springdale City Council? Don't spend a dime or give a speech, say you're too busy to campaign, then drop out of the race.

Hey, it worked for Mike Overton.

"I didn't have time to do any campaigning and spent no money on campaigning," the Springdale real estate salesman said.

Overton defeated Rex Bailey for the spot with 53 percent of the vote. Bailey, who captured 47 percent, said he raised more than \$12,000.

"I ran as hard as I could," Bailey said. "He beat me. I congratulated him."

Overton withdrew from the race in October, saying he didn't have time to serve because of his business interests. But the ballots were printed before that announcement.

Overton says he'll take the job anyway.

"After what I consider to be a mandate, considering the circumstances, I think it's my obligation to serve after the confidence the average citizens have placed with me," Overton said. "I'm humbled and, at the same time, ecstatic over the outcome."

## Committed citizen

**PA** HARRISBURG — Dr. Andrea Shaer, in labor with her third child, wanted to vote before she went to the delivery room.

But with more than 100 people lined up at the polling station at Penn State Milton S. Eisenhower Medical Center, Shaer changed her mind.

Shaer, a nephrologist, or kidney doctor, gave birth to a son, Jack, and returned to vote Tuesday night 30 minutes before the polls closed, intravenous drip in tow.

"Knowing how close the race is in Pennsylvania and being a mom, with all the issues there, I just had to try" to vote, Shaer said.

Shaer works at the medical cen-



ter. She awoke at 5 a.m. Tuesday when her water broke.

## Artistic dispute

**HI** HONOLULU — A federal official is calling Bishop Museum's 2000 transfer of sacred artifacts to a Native Hawaiian group a "sham."

The review committee that oversees the Native American Graves and Protection Act announced it will meet in March to reconsider whether the museum properly transferred the 83 funerary objects, which are now reportedly buried in Forbes Cave on the Big Island.

On Tuesday, the NAGPRA panel held a teleconference so museum representatives and Native Hawaiian groups in Honolulu could discuss the dispute involving 13 groups who claim family or cultural ties to the artifacts.

The artifacts were taken from Kawaihae cave on the Big Island in 1905 by David Forbes and sold to the Bishop Museum.

The museum had the artifacts in its possession until the late 1990s, when they were loaned to the Native Hawaiian group Hui Malama I Na Kupuna O Hawaii Nei, an organization that oversees perpetual care of Native Hawaiian remains. Instead of returning the items to the museum, the Native Hawaiian group said it put the objects back in the caves.

## Let the beer flow

**ME** CORINTH — After more than 70 years with out-lawed alcohol sales within town limits, voters in this Penobscot County burgh have approved a referendum to strike down the

prohibition.

Residents voted 753-730 Tuesday in favor of the referendum to permit the operation of state and agency liquor stores. Several towns in Maine, including at least five others in Penobscot County, do not allow alcohol sales.

"I did not expect it to pass," said Ron Wilcox, a resident who voted against the ballot item. "It's kind of interesting that if 12 people had decided to vote the other way, it wouldn't have."

The referendum was the second time in less than six months that residents had voted on the alcohol issue. A similar vote to lift the alcohol ban failed by a vote of 402-334 in June.

## Finally put away

**MN** MINNEAPOLIS — After 23 alcohol-related driving offenses in as many years, Raymond J. Sherman finally is going to prison.

He'd been drinking and driving for years, hadn't had a driver's license since 1984 and was released from jail in March after serving a 16-month drunken-driving sentence.

But it wasn't until he was charged in June with felony drunken driving and pleaded guilty in October that he faced prison time.

Before the law changed in 2002, drunken driving was a misdemeanor, no matter how many times an offender was convicted.

This week, Sherman, 42, of Apple Valley, Minn., was sentenced to five years and three months in prison by Judge Harry Crump.

## Hacker indictment

**TX** AUSTIN — A former University of Texas student was indicted on charges he hacked into the school's computer system and stole Social Security numbers and other personal information from more than 37,000 students and employees.

In a four-count indictment announced Wednesday, Christopher Andrew Phillips, 21, was charged with fraud and storing credit card and bank account information with intent to defraud. He allegedly hacked into the system in February and March 2003.

Officials said the university spent \$167,000 responding to the security breach and warning people of possible identity theft.

Phillips was not accused of using the information for illegal purposes, and his attorney, Allan Williams, said his client had no criminal intent.

## Moving along nicely

**MI** MUSKEGON — After an early end to its inaugural season, the Lake Express high-speed ferry that crossed Lake Michigan in 2½ hours is getting a rave review from Michigan tourism officials.

"We all had visions of what we thought might happen and in the end, the first season was a banner year for all involved," said Cindy Larsen, president of the Muskegon Area Chamber of Commerce.

The \$18 million ferry began missing the 76-mile run between Milwaukee and Muskegon beginning June 1. It has a capacity of 250 passengers and 46 vehicles.



**Quick reflexes** Megan Luevano heads the ball while sitting on the bench during the varsity girls' practice at the Riner Steinhoff Soccerplex in Alamogordo, N.M.



**Sticky fun** Benjamin Mott laughs after being bombarded with whipped-cream covered marshmallows during the annual fall festival at the Boys and Girls Club of Glynn in Brunswick, Ga.





**Smile enlargement** Grace Harris, 7, delights in the magnifying qualities of a sheet magnifier as she plays inside Edwardsville 8th precinct in the Madison Mutual Insurance Building in Edwardsville, Ill.



**Youthful artist** Shawnee Smith is silhouetted against the late afternoon sun as she paints a mural on the wall of the courtyard of the Harmony Elementary School in Harmony Township, N.J.



**Desert snowstorm**

Chris Worthen, of Amarillo, Texas, rides his bike on a snowy trail near Amarillo, Texas.

## Truck door kills man

**PA** GOULDSBORO — A man drove his pickup truck into a group of people outside a bar, killing one person and wounding two others, police said.

Leroy William Hill, of Bath, drove his truck into a group of patrons who had followed him and his friend, Devin Brown, out of Barb and Ron's Gouldsboro Inn, police said.

The two men went to the bar and later told investigators that some patrons were giving them strange looks and making comments, according to police. Brown told police they felt uncomfortable and decided to leave.

Hill said he put the truck in reverse and then put it in drive and drove off. But the passenger door was open and it struck several people, police said, killing Arthur Rega, 40, of Gouldsboro.

Hill faces three felony counts of aggravated assault, three misdemeanor counts of simple assault, three misdemeanor counts of reckless endangerment, and one felony count each of vehicular homicide and being involved in an accident involving death or bodily injury.

## Cop action goes wrong

**TX** FORT WORTH — A man who tried to elude Fort Worth police has died after police used an electrical stun gun on him.

Robert Guerrero, 21, was pronounced dead Tuesday night at John Peter Smith Hospital, where he was taken after he stopped breathing.

He was subdued with a Taser after police were called to an apartment complex where residents said someone was illegally hooking up electrical service at a unit.

## Recycling dinner

**CA** BERKELEY — Haute cuisine is going green in a program that recycles restaurant and household food scraps into high-grade compost for Northern California farms and vineyards.

More than 2,200 restaurants and food businesses and 75,000 households in San Francisco take part in the clean-plate, clean-environment project, which began on an experimental basis in the late 1990s and has since become a national model for food recycling.

From Candlestick Park to Fisherman's Wharf, table scraps are deposited in green plastic cans and then converted into Four Course Compost.

The result is less waste in landfills, lower garbage pickup costs, vibrant vines and vegetables — and a cheerful sense of completing a circle.

## Schools: Joy or humbug?

**ME** SCARBOROUGH — A parents group pushing for a little holiday spirit has begun a campaign to bring Christmas celebrations back to Maine schools.

The group, which says classrooms are lacking carols and festive decorations in December, has spent weeks meeting with school administrators to sort their cause.

"We just want the kids to be comfortable and enjoy who they are and where they come from," said Lisa Lowry, one of the parents in the group.

Public schools nationwide have long wrestled with how to handle Christmas.

The current holiday policy acknowledges "it is neither possible nor desirable for our schools to simply ignore religion," he said.

## Armored turf

**IL** CHICAGO — A ground-skeeper found a rusted, hollowed-out shell of a grenade in the right-field turf of Chicago's Wrigley Field.

The dud was found Tuesday morning by a worker at the home of the Chicago Cubs. The police's Bomb and Arson investigators were called to examine the device, which they found to be empty and harmless.

Investigators said there was no way to determine how the device ended up on the field, but added that no break-ins were reported at the ballpark.

## Prisoner fees

**GA** HOMERVILLE — Two former prisoners at the Clinch County Jail want a federal judge to rule that charging inmates \$18 a day for room and board is illegal. A lawsuit contends the southeast Georgia county's sheriff has no authority to charge such fees to people who haven't been convicted. Sheriff Winston Peterson said inmates would be reimbursed if they were later acquitted, but couldn't recall that ever happening.

## 2 jailed for crime spree

**WI** MIDDLETON — Two men were jailed after confessing to a three-county crime spree that included killing a cab driver and their female companion, and leaving a man they abducted and robbed tied up in a shed for nearly a week, police said.

The men were arrested after they told security guards at a hotel that they wanted to confess crimes to police, police said. A 37-year-old man was jailed in Baraboo and a 24-year-old man was in Dane County Jail, pending formal charges.

Baraboo police Lt. Rob Sinden said the two men were "completely closed" and there may be additional arrests. Police also were investigating whether the men were involved in other crimes.

## Sex charges recanted

**NC** RALEIGH — Two women whose testimony in a child molestation case came from behind bars for 20 years have recanted, with one saying her grandmother pressured them to finger the wrong man to protect a cousin. The accusers, cousins who were 4 and 6 when they made the charges, were expected to testify that they falsely accused Sylvester Smith, 53. He was given two consecutive life sentences in 1984.

"The system can correct itself when an error is found," said prosecutor Rex Gore, who is requesting a new trial so that he may drop the charges. "We're hoping we can right a wrong."

One victim says the real abuser was a cousin who is now serving a life sentence for murder. Gore said he would not prosecute because the cousin was 9 at the time.

Stories and photos from wire services



# OPINION

## What newspapers are saying at home

The following editorial excerpts are selected from a cross section of newspapers throughout the United States. The editorials are provided by The Associated Press and other statewide syndicates.

### Social issues swelled turnout The Patriot Ledger, Quincy, Mass.

[Sen. John Kerry] could see that even with more than 100,000 absentee and provisional ballots to be counted in Ohio, the odds were against reversing a Bush victory. In late morning on Wednesday, Kerry called the White House to concede the election.

By any measure, Tuesday was a very bad day for Democrats.

Along with Bush's 3 million-vote margin in the popular vote, Republicans gained seats in both houses of Congress. They had a huge psychological and strategic win in South Dakota, knocking off the Senate Democratic leader, Tom Daschle....

Social issues were highly significant for the president's victory....

Ohio was telling. In a state that lost a quarter-million jobs on Bush's watch, social issues would appear to have tipped the balance in the president's favor. Ohio was one of 11 states with a ballot question on what constitutes a marriage, a subject sure to draw social conservatives to the polls to vote for Bush....

While the voting details are dissected state by state, it may be that the gay marriage issue was the key variable in a tight election.

### More voters healthy for nation Houston Chronicle

Regardless of who won the presidency for the next four years, this election proved the larger winner, the republic. The massive increase in voter turnout demonstrated a vigorous, functional democracy at work....

The country gains when many more of its citizens believe that their vote matters. The nation is invigorated when most of the citizens eligible to vote are willing to brave weather and long lines to take part in the process that keeps government of, by and for the people.

A large turnout has a beneficial effect on future elections.

Politicians realize they cannot win by appealing solely to a narrow ideological base. A healthy turnout by minority Americans, whose turnout often is disproportionately low, informs both major parties that minority concerns cannot be discounted or ignored.

### Journalists keep press safe Miami Herald

Palm Beach Supervisor of Elections Theresa LePore and sheriff's deputies abused their authority with the arrest of freelance journalist James S. Henry for trying to photograph voters waiting in line on Sunday. In the process, they violated the First Amendment and true intent of statutes to ensure orderly voting....

Ms. LePore's order restricting journalists to a tent 100 feet away violates the spirit and letter of the law as well as the media's right to monitor elections as the public's surrogate.

A Circuit Court ruling on Election Day that this "cone of privacy" should extend to the last voter in the line should be applauded. The point of the law is to protect voters from intimidation.

Journalists who are doing their job and protecting the free-speech rights of those voters shouldn't be denied access....

Voters should be able to vote without interference. However, government's respon-



sibility to keep order at the polls doesn't trump export language in the law, the First Amendment or the right of the media to monitor elections. Given all the concerns about these elections and problems of the 2000 vote, monitoring is more important than ever to our democracy.

### Electoral College not imitated Star Tribune, Minneapolis

We cannot shake the notion that the candidate who gets the most votes should be president....

The supreme irony of the Electoral College is that the jalopy cannot be fixed. Reversing its precepts — exaggerated power for small states and winner-take-all voting — would require two many in Congress and state legislatures to vote against their own interests....

Because of extra weight to small states and because a candidate could narrowly lose a state and get no credit for the votes he won, it's entirely possible for a candidate to win the national popular vote, even by a wide margin, and still lose the election if his opponent wins narrowly in the right combination of states....

The nation deserves a fairer, more direct method of selecting a president. Many democracies around the world have copied the American system; none has copied the Electoral College....

Many principled arguments are made for keeping the Electoral College, including a fear that narrow factions would replace parties. But no argument, in our judgment, can overcome the contraption's basic unfairness. The faction problem could be handled through instant runoff voting, for example, where voters would list their first and second preferences for president....

Why not go for direct national election of the president?

### Illness puts court on agenda The Lima (Ohio) News

The hospitalization of U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice William Rehnquist for thyroid cancer suddenly spotlighted one issue that received too little attention in the presidential campaign....

President Bush could put at least two, but perhaps as many as four, justices on

the high court, changing the course of U.S. lawmaking and public policy for decades to come.

And that likely will have a far greater impact on the nation than virtually anything else he is likely to do in his second term. It's clear Bush could tip the balance on the court decisively.

We heard too little from both candidates on what they would be looking for in prospective justices.

We're not so cynical that we see Rehnquist's misfortune as some sort of campaign trick. We're just glad the Supreme Court's future has finally been elevated to the place it deserves as a campaign issue, even if belatedly.

### Flu-vaccine needs need a look The Walla Walla (Wash.) Union-Bulletin

There isn't much money to be made ... in preventing flu.

And that's a significant reason the flu vaccine is in short supply this year. Pharmaceutical companies simply aren't interested in making the vaccine....

Flu vaccine can't be saved from year to year because the flu virus constantly mutates. A year-old vaccine is ineffective....

In addition, drug companies worry about the legal liability of the flu vaccine....

This year just two companies made flu vaccine for the U.S. market. But one of the companies, Chiron Corp., couldn't deliver 48 million doses because of a contamination problem in Britain....

U.S. government health officials have established guidelines so the most vulnerable to complications from the flu have access to the vaccine.... But what about next year and the year after?... The issues of vaccine supply and liability can and should be worked on in a bipartisan manner regardless of who controls Congress and the White House.

After all, protecting the health and safety of the people is one of the primary responsibilities of government.

### Health plans benefit taxpayers Las Vegas Sun

A number of states, including Nevada, increasingly are showing that they're con-

cerned about the high percentage of workers who lack health insurance. Legislation that would have required large grocery stores, including those run by Wal-Mart, to provide basic health insurance passed in the state Assembly last year but died in the Senate.... One of the companies fighting this ballot question is Wal-Mart, whose meager health benefits are helping fuel the initiative....

Only 45 percent of (Wal-Mart's) work force can afford the company's health insurance plan. Costco, in contrast, not only pays better wages but it also requires its employees to pay just 8 percent of its health insurance plan, so that, not so coincidentally, 96 percent of its employees enroll in its health plan....

If businesses don't pay for their employees' health insurance, government-run hospitals that provide care for the indigent and for those without health insurance have to absorb the costs. Ultimately, taxpayers must pick up the tab, which means that we end up subsidizing the greed of Wal-Mart and other like-minded companies — and they end up laughing all the way to the bank.

### Red Sox 8, Curse 0 The Post and Courier, Charleston, S.C.

On Oct. 17, the Boston Red Sox were routed in their home park (Fenway) by the dreaded New York Yankees — a humiliating, 19-8 defeat that pushed the visitors' edge to three games to none in the American League Championship Series. Ten nights and eight consecutive victories later, the Red Sox captured their first World Series title since 1918, finally and emphatically removing "the Curse of the Bambino"....

Boston didn't need a seventh World Series game, or even a fifth, this time. After taking four in a row over the Yankees to become the first team in big-league history to win a best-of-seven series after losing the first three games, the Red Sox made short work of the National League champion St. Louis Cardinals, capping the four-game World Series sweep with a 3-0 road victory on Oct. 27.

Eventually, the Red Sox will lose another game. But not this one. And when they do, nobody will be able to blame it on the Curse of the Bambino.

## Sunday Horoscope

The Virgo moon brings some much-needed grounding, as there are no other earth-sign influences helping out this week. There's beauty in practical things like a nutritious meal or clean house. So spend time getting things in order — this week is going to be big in terms of shaking up with the unexpected doorknob ring or romantic twist.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (November 7).** You'll be so grateful for what this year brings — and your gratitude helps multiply your good fortune.

Next month features the games people play, and you love a good game! Plus, you're so adept at learning the rules and strategizing to optimize results. That's why your career takes off in January. A major relationship choice is answered in June. Your lucky numbers are 1, 9, 24, 39 and 52.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Signs of your evolution emerge. Where you were timid, you're now strong, and there's a smile where that snarl used to be. Do something out of character. Who knows, maybe you'll find out that it's now in character?

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** You've got a panoramic view of the big picture — leave the small details to someone else, right? Wrong! You'll find exquisite joy in handling what would normally be considered tedious. So jump in with that feather duster.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Normally, endless possibilities are delightful — however, today is anything but normal. If you've got more than three choices, you'll choose tonight. So ask for the abbreviated "menu" from loved ones and friends.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** If you've been waiting for a chance, you'll realize now that chances are not to be waited for. They're to be molded, carved out or invented. Move forward as though someone were leaving you a way in.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** You know better than to borrow trouble, but sometimes, it's fun to have a little on loan. When there's a risk of becoming bored, you know just who

to call to spice things up and how far to go before you're really in danger.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).**

Sensational news is part of the fun. But even fascinating stories have their downside. You'll get a glimpse at the path you didn't take. Resist the urge to long for what might have been.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).**

Your positive outlook is not only pleasant, but it causes things to move in your life. Just as a sunbeam focused through a magnifying glass can start a fire, when you're focused on good, goodness multiplies and takes over.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** If you don't hook up with friends now, you're really missing out! Time-tested pals bring out your humor (you're comfortable enough to tap into your genius wit). Add one new person to the group and — voila! It could be love.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).**

In a creative mood, you'll be further inspired by the perfection of nature and the vivid pictures in every day life. Do something with this sizzling energy! Tonight, your dreams are prophetic.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).**

Principles are gravitating toward your strength, and you're asked to do something that makes you feel uneasy.

In the words of spirited rocker Janis Joplin (also a Capricorn), "Don't compromise yourself. You're all you've got."

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).**

You want to make everything around you beautiful, and you can! Affordability is a relative term. There are ways of getting around budget limitations. Stick to what you want, and don't listen to anyone who says you can't have it.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).**

Having to explain things over and over is a sign that many of you are in the wrong place at the wrong time with the wrong person. Move yourself into different environments until you return to that sense of flow you're used to.

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## Flying off the (ax) handle

Can you explain the origin of the phrase "fly off the handle," meaning "go into a state of sudden and violent anger"? What "handle" are people talking about?

The handle in the phrase "off the handle" is the handle of an ax.

In the pioneer days, axes were handmade, and the ax-heads were often crudely fitted to the handle.

Thus it was not uncommon to hear of, or even see, the head of

an ax flying off as the woodsman chopped away.

This sudden flying off of the head of an ax and the danger that it caused eventually came to suggest the danger or trouble that comes when people suddenly lose their tempers.

The first documented use of the phrase "off the handle" is from 1825.

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## Bisexual woman in tricky situation over fertilization

**Dear Abby:** I am a 20-year-old bisexual female. I am madly in love with my partner, "Darcy." We have been together for 10 short, wonderful months, but I know without a doubt in my heart that she's "the one" for me. She feels the same.

All I have ever really wanted out of life is to become a mother. I feel that is the reason I was born female, and I wouldn't be able to forgive myself if I died without giving birth. I also don't want to become a mother in any other way except the "old-fashioned way."

Darcy knows how I feel about this and says it's OK with her — she wouldn't care if I was with a man for that purpose only. But whenever we talk about it, I get the feeling that she's only agreeing because she thinks it will hurt me if she doesn't.

So my question is, should I go ahead and try to have a baby in the old-fashioned way, or just forget it and not fulfill my one and only true dream because I love her so much and don't want to lose her?

— Torn in Oregon

**Dear Torn:** This is a question you and your partner should discuss with an obstetrician/gynecologist. Surely you are aware

that you can be impregnated by artificial insemination, using donor sperm or the sperm of a donor you and Darcy know. In that way, you could fulfill your dream without having to worry about arousing any insecurities.

**Dear Abby:**



**Dear Abby:** I was divorced after only eight years of marriage. I raised my son, "Bart," alone. We have always had a close relationship, except for the normal ups and downs during his teen years.

Bart is now a successful adult in his late 20s, working professionally in a nearby suburb. He usually calls me once or twice a week and drops by for dinner a couple of times a month. I look forward to his visits and our heart-to-heart chats.

Bart has had several girlfriends in the past, but has been dating a lovely new woman for several months. She is a sweet, bright young lady with whom I get along very well.

In recent months, whenever Bart visits, his girlfriend always comes along. She rarely joins in the conversation and usually only sits there waiting for us to "finish" so they can be on their way. Our talks have become brief and superficial — far different from times past. I wish he would visit by himself some-

times. Am I wrong to want to see my son without her occasionally?

— Maui Mama in Hawaii  
**Dear Maui Mama:** No, and you should tell your son how you feel. It is nice that he has found a girl who is worthy of bringing home to Maui, but that doesn't mean she should come along on every visit.

**Dear Abby:** My cousin came crying to me. She said her husband had been having an affair. She was devastated — until I told her about an incident at my last job. My boss, "Lila," confided to me that her husband had had an affair.

She said that after she caught him cheating with her sister, she took him back and told him, "Remember this: I've got an affair coming."

From then on, he was so busy making sure she didn't cheat on him that she never had to worry about him cheating on her.

— Laughing in North Dakota  
**Dear Laughing:** Your boss was a clever lady, but I hope she wasn't serious. One wrong is bad enough. Two wrongs not only don't make a right, but can also destroy a marriage.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box #940, Haverhill, Mass. 01830. Write to Abby on the Internet at <http://www.psy.com/dearabby>. Universal Press Syndicate

## Irresponsible for parent to let children drink alcohol at home

**Dear Annie:** A co-worker recently informed me that she allows her underage children, one as young as 15, to drink alcohol at home. She seems to think this will keep them from drinking at other places. Her attitude infuriates me.

I realize you cannot stop kids from doing certain things, but you don't have to condone it. We've been made aware of the evils of underage smoking, but no one seems to care about the kids who pass out every weekend from the alcohol-drenched parties they attend. I've never heard of someone smoking a cigarette and ending up in bed with a stranger who gets them pregnant or leaves them with an STD. Drinking causes car accidents, provokes people to abuse others and kills marriages.

How can my co-worker be like this?

— Incensed Mother

**Dear Incensed:** Many parents do not realize that it is illegal to serve their underage children alcohol, even in their own home.

Your co-worker runs the risk of being arrested, and if a drunk child becomes injured or has alcohol poisoning, she would be held responsible. She also is being shortsighted and foolish.

When parents permit their children to engage in illegal activities at home, they are giving tacit approval for such behavior. Children assume their parents don't care and that it's no big deal. It certainly won't stop them from drinking elsewhere. In fact, while under the misconception that they are providing a safe place for their children to crash, in reality, parents are encouraging them to get drunk and take risks. Remember — children, even teenagers, see their parents as role models.

**Dear Annie:** I met "George" two years ago. Soon after, I received a tax refund of \$4,000 and told him he could have half for a down payment on a new truck.

George took only \$500 for the down payment and arranged a monthly payment of \$350. Then he asked me for the remaining

\$1,500. I was a little upset, but to save an argument, I deposited \$1,500 into his bank account.

We were married in October of that year, and I learned I was being inherited \$80,000. I immediately told George he could use some of that money to pay off the balance on his truck (which is in his name only). Now I've decided I want to use that money to buy a house, but George insists I give him the money for the truck first.

Would I be selfish if I didn't worry that George will walk out the door as soon as I pay off his truck and I'll be left with \$15,000.

— Scared in California

**Dear Calif:** What a lovely, trusting marriage you have. You made a promise to your husband, and it seems a little chintzy of you to go back on your word. We say, pay off the truck, because you promised and because you love him, and use the rest for whatever you wish. If George leaves, your marriage wasn't worth much to begin with.

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### Annie's Mailbox





# RELIGION

# Assessing judgment on the commandments

## Supreme Court to hear arguments about public displays of Decalogue

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WASHINGTON — Sometime in late winter, advocates for and opponents of public displays of the Ten Commandments will argue the issue before the U.S. Supreme Court for the first time in 25 years.

Litigators on both sides agree that the justices probably will set parameters on what constitutes an acceptable display of the commandments, relying partly on the court's previous decisions on the display of Nativity scenes in town squares and courthouses.

They disagree, however, on whether the existence of different versions of the Ten Commandments — reflecting theological differences among Protestants, Catholics and Jews — will or should affect the court's decision.

"No doubt it's something I'm going to emphasize," said Erwin Chemerinsky, a Duke University constitutional scholar who will appear before the court on behalf of Thomas Van Orden, a homeless man and former defense lawyer who for several years has been fighting to have a six-foot granite monument of the commandments removed from the statehouse grounds in Texas.

"My argument in part is: Is there 'a Ten Commandments'?" Chemerinsky said. If such monuments are allowed, the "choice of which one to use is a religious choice."

But Mat Staver, president and general counsel for Orlando, Fla.-based Liberty Counsel, which is representing two Kentucky jurisdictions whose framed commandment displays were ordered removed from courthouses, said:

**"Many people of strong faith belief are concerned when someone takes what they believe to be the word of God and uses it in a fashion they are uncomfortable with."**

"The issue of different versions is a red herring," The King James-vised list posted in the courthouses was "no one's version," he said, arguing that it was all renderings — was an abbreviated form of biblical passages. That debate will be part of a broader First Amendment argument over whether the displays constitute government endorsement of religion or government allowance of the free expression of religion.

The court last addressed the Decalogue issue in 1980, when it struck down, 5-4, a Kentucky law that required the posting of the commandments in public school classrooms. The court ruled that the law had "no secular legislative purpose."

Since then, advocates of church-state separation have clashed with those who argue that the 1980 ruling does not prohibit all government-backed displays

of the commandments. Dozens of cases have worked their way through lower courts, and many have been appealed to the Supreme Court without success.

Last week, the court decided to hear the Kentucky and Texas cases.

Those cases will rely less on the previous commandments decision and more on subsequent rulings involving Nativity scenes, litigators predicted. In 1984, the Supreme Court upheld the display of a creche on city property, ruling that religious symbols can be placed on government property as long as the displays are not "motivated wholly by religious considerations."

Such symbols also must have a secular purpose, such as being placed among other symbols, religious and otherwise, that present the cultural, historical and legal foundation of a city, county or state, the court said.

In 2001, in a possible preview of arguments to come, Chief Justice William Rehnquist justified the 1984 case and similar creche cases in dissenting with the court's decision not to hear a case in which a monument virtually identical to the one in Texas was ordered removed from city property in Elkridge, Md.

Joined by Justices Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas in dissenting from the court's denial, Rehnquist acknowledged that the Ten Commandments are sacred texts of Judaism and Christianity but said they "have secular significance as well, because they have made a substantial contribution to our secular legal codes."

Jeffrey Sinesky  
American Jewish Committee

Those who argue for allowing public displays of commandments have said that the differing versions of the commandments are irrelevant because the Decalogue's role in the formation of Western jurisprudence meets the requirement for a "secular purpose."

Those who oppose the displays point to differences in content and numbering as indicators of theological disagreements that might be exacerbated by the public showing of any one version of the commandments.

Three generally accepted versions of the Ten Commandments exist, according to religious scholars: Catholic, Catholic-Lutheran and Protestant. (The Protestant version also is used by many Orthodox Christians.) Jewish scholars point to what



Granite monoliths displaying the Ten Commandments such as this one near Austin, Texas, statehouse use a version of the Decalogue compiled by an interfaith committee of clergy.

they consider a crucial ethical and moral distinction: the Jewish translation of the Sixth Commandment as "You shall not murder." Traditional Catholic and Protestant versions say "You shall not kill" — a broader ban that might cover such societal actions as capital punishment.

The two Christian versions also differ in substantive ways. The Protestant version lists, as a separate commandment, "You shall not make of your self a graven image," a statement the Catholic version omits. Some analysts say the Protestant version arose from Reformation efforts to rid churches of statues of saints, while the Catholic version allows such statues.

Such differences are not insignificant, said Jeffrey Sinesky, general counsel for the American Jewish Committee, which, along with other national Jewish organizations, plans to write amicus briefs opposing the public display of the Ten Commandments.

"Many people of strong faith belief are concerned when someone takes what they believe to be the word of God and uses it in a fashion they are uncomfortable with," he said.

Jay Sekulow, chief counsel for the Washington-based American Center for Law and Justice, said he believes the court will pay lit-

tle attention to arguments about different versions of the Ten Commandments.

"It's not a factor in these cases," said Sekulow, who has successfully argued eight of 11 First Amendment cases before the court and is representing pro-display clients in 10 lower-court cases.

Instead, the court will focus on the historic nature of the displays, including the length of time they have been in place and the context in which they appear, he said.

The displays in Kentucky and Texas involve different versions of the Ten Commandments.

The monument on statehouse grounds in Austin, Texas, has been in place since 1961, one of as many as 200 monuments donated from the 1950s through mid-1980s by the Fraternal Order of Eagles, said Sue Hoffman, a retired schoolteacher in Washington state who has researched the history of the Eagles' placement of monuments nationwide.

Most of the granite monoliths, including the one in Austin, use an interfaith version put together by a committee of Roman Catholic, Protestant and Jewish clergy, she said.

The Ten Commandments displays in the Kentucky courthouses were framed, printed pages citing the King James translation of the Decalogue, unnumbered, from Exodus 20:3-17.

The court is expected to issue its decisions by the end of June.

## Ten Commandments

- Jewish version:**
1. I the Lord am your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, the house of bondage.
  2. You shall have no other gods besides Me.
  3. You shall not swear falsely by the name of the Lord your God.
  4. Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy.
  5. Honor your father and your mother.
  6. You shall not murder.
  7. You shall not commit adultery.
  8. You shall not steal.
  9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
  10. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or ... anything that is your neighbor's.

Based on the Tanakh: The Holy Scriptures (Jewish Publication Society, 1985). Numbering varies by tradition.

## Catholic-Lutheran version:

1. I am the Lord your God; you shall not have strange Gods before me.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.
4. Honor your father and mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

"A Traditional Catechetical Formula" in Catechism of the Catholic Church (U.S. Catholic Conference, 1991).

## Protestant version:

1. I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.
2. You shall not make yourself a graven image.
3. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and all your work.
5. Honor your father and your mother.
6. You shall not kill.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or ... anything that is your neighbor's.

Based on the Book of Confessions (Presbyterian Church USA, 1991).

The Washington Post

## YOUR MONEY



A vendor in Bucharest, Romania, sells newspapers that feature coverage of the U.S. presidential election on Thursday. In the States, however, newspaper sales are struggling. A recent analysis by the Newspaper Association of America showed an overall decline in circulation among the nation's 20 biggest dailies.

## U.S. newspaper sales down

BY SETH SUTEL  
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NEW YORK — Circulation declined at most major newspapers across the country in the last half year, the latest blow for an industry already reeling from a scandal involving circulation misstatements that has undermined the confidence of investors and advertisers.

The figures of four newspapers — Newsday of New York's Long Island, Dallas Morning News, the Chicago Sun-Times and Hoy, a Spanish-language newspaper in New York — were not included in the report released Monday as part of a penalty levied by the Audit Bureau of Circulations, a publishing industry reporting group.

Overall, daily circulation at the newspapers reporting for the six-month period ending Sept. 30 declined 0.9 percent, according to an analysis of the Audit Bureau's data by the Newspaper Association of America, an industry group. Sunday circulation declined by 1.5 percent. The group also said that only one-third of newspapers in the survey reported circulation gains.

The Audit Bureau report showed a 5.6 percent fall at the Los Angeles Times and a 2 percent drop at the Chicago Tribune. Those declines were reported last week when the parent company of both papers, Tribune Co., reported its third-quarter earnings. Tribune also owns two of the papers that were censured by the Audit Bureau for making circulation misstatements, Newsday and Hoy.

Tribune, which has put in place more stringent controls on its circulation reporting, said it had not discovered any other circulation problems beyond those already reported at Newsday and Hoy. Gannett Co.'s USA Today remained the largest-selling paper in the country with daily circulation of 2.3 million, up 2.8 percent from the comparable six-month period a year ago. The Wall Street Journal, published by financial news publisher Dow Jones & Co., remained No. 2 with 2.1 million, up 0.8 percent.

John Sturm, president of the NAA, said of the figures, "We're not wild about it because it shows a bit of a decrease again," but he added that the declines were in line with recent trends. He also said publishers were finding ways to keep attracting new readers despite new rules governing telemarketing such as the do-not-call lists.

"Newspapers have been very dependent on telemarketing in the past, and that's a hill to climb," said John Murray, vice president of circulation marketing at the NAA. "Newspapers are making progress, but it's uneven."

Murray said newspapers were making up for the shortfall with other methods of getting readers, including direct mail and in-person marketing techniques in public places like shopping centers.

However, the impact of the telemarketing rules

## Data on biggest papers

The Associated Press

Average daily circulation of the nation's 20 biggest newspapers for the six months ended Sept. 30, as reported Monday by the Audit Bureau of Circulations. The percentage changes are from the comparable year-ago period.

1. USA Today, 2,309,853, up 2.8 percent
2. The Wall Street Journal, 2,106,774, up 0.8 percent
3. The New York Times, 1,121,057, up 0.2 percent
4. Los Angeles Times, 902,164, down 5.6 percent
5. New York Daily News, 715,052, down 1.6 percent
6. The Washington Post, 707,690, down 3 percent
7. New York Post, 686,207, up 5.2 percent
8. Chicago Tribune, 600,988, down 2 percent
9. Houston Chronicle, 554,783, up 0.3 percent
10. San Francisco Chronicle, 468,720, down 8.5 percent
11. The Boston Globe, 451,471, up 0.2 percent
12. The Arizona Republic, 413,268, down 4.4 percent
13. The Star-Ledger of Newark, N.J., 400,042, down 2.1 percent
14. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, 397,097, up 3.8 percent
15. Star Tribune of Minneapolis-St. Paul, 381,094, up 0.2 percent
16. The Philadelphia Inquirer, 368,883, up 0.1 percent
17. The Plain Dealer, Cleveland, 354,309, down 3 percent
18. Detroit Free Press, 348,838, down 1.1 percent
19. The San Diego Union-Tribune, 339,032, down 3.7 percent
20. The Oregonian, Portland, 337,707, up 0.9 percent

Four newspapers were not allowed to include their circulation figures in the report released Monday as a penalty for misstating circulation figures in the past: Newsday of New York's Long Island; the Dallas Morning News; the Chicago Sun-Times and Hoy, a Spanish-language newspaper in New York. The first three papers were among the top 20 papers last year.

on newspapers has been significant. As of the beginning of last year, newspapers relied on telemarketing for nearly 40 percent of all new subscriptions, and those sales have declined from 15 percent to 25 percent, according to a recent survey, Murray said.

Doug Arthur, a newspaper analyst for the Morgan Stanley investment bank, said the integrity of newspaper circulation figures remains a major concern for investors in the stocks of those companies.

"It's a big issue," Arthur said. "I suspect that the numbers here will reflect a more conservative filtering as they tighten up and get 100 percent comfortable with the numbers they're presenting to the public."

The Audit Bureau report covers 841 daily and 662 Sunday newspapers.

## Shifting health care at home

Susie Besaw, from the book "The Savvy Sailor's Spouse," is new to the military lifestyle but is eager to learn more about how to manage her family and her new life through the monthly Family Readiness Group meetings of her husband, Jake's, new command. Last week, Cmdr. Michel talked about Tricare.

On Friday morning, I stopped by Maggie's to see if she needed anything from the commissary.

I looked in the front door and saw Maggie was just cleaning up from breakfast. Little Jimmy was at the table coloring.

"Knock knock, neighbor," I said through the front screen.

"Come on in, Susie," Maggie said.

"I was just wondering if you needed anything at the commissary," I asked. "I'm heading out for my Friday food run."

Maggie stopped doing the dishes and opened up the fridge and her cupboard. She made a scrunched face as if to say she hadn't gotten that far in her day.

"It's leftover Friday night again," she replied. "I'll go sometime this weekend. Thanks anyway."

"Did you try that double chocolate cake Evelyn made last night?" I asked. "It was amazing."

"No," Maggie replied. "I stepped on the scale yesterday and thought somebody had messed with it. When that excuse didn't work, I surrendered that I packed on a few pounds."

I realized that my skirts and suits were snugger, too, since I had arrived in San Diego. I missed exercising — mainly because I didn't know where to go. Back on Whidbey Island, I knew where all the best gyms and aerobics classes were located. In San Diego, I didn't have a clue.

Based on my skirts, I figured five pounds must have snuck up on me since I arrived.

"I know how you feel," I said. "Anything I can do to help?"

Maggie perked up. I could almost hear the wheels turn-

ing in her head.

"Hey," she said, with a devilous smile. "You want to work out together?"

What fun, I thought. "Sure," I replied. "But where?"

"I bet you didn't know about the weight room and aerobics classes at the base gym," she replied.

"Really?" I asked.

"Yeah," she replied. "I used to go to the night classes a couple nights a week before Jim came home. I haven't been back since I busted my ankle. There is a really fun aerobics instructor. His name is Michael, but we call him Sven."

This workout idea was starting to sound even better.

"I'm game," I said. "When do we start?"

"The only hiccup is Jimmy," she said.

"We'll have to go at night in order for Jim to watch him."

"Or Jake," I quipped. "I'm sure he wouldn't mind."

"Before I got hurt," she said, "I was going to aerobics on Monday

and Thursday from 7 to 8 p.m., and weight training on Wednesday from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m."

"I finish work at 5," I replied.

"We could drive together to work out after dinner."

"It's a deal then," Maggie said. "I'll call and sign us both up. Thanks, neighbor."

The following Monday I dusted off my exercise clothes and put them on just before Maggie came to pick me up. My work out clothes were snug, too, unfortunately.

"Don't break anything," Jake kidded as I left.

I gave Jake a look before I left and said, "You're skating on thin ice, mister."

Next week, Susie and Maggie met Sven.

Copies of Ralph Nelson's books — "The Savvy Sailor" and "The Savvy Naval Officer" — can be purchased by writing to Master Plan Inc., 500 N. Washington St., P.O. Box 10071, Rockville, MD 20849 or online at [www.savvyonweb.com](http://www.savvyonweb.com). This article is written and the book is sold with the understanding that neither the author nor Stars and Stripes are professional financial advisers. If you need advice, please seek professional assistance. The author specifically disclaims any liability, loss or risk — personal or otherwise — incurred as a consequence, directly or indirectly, of using or applying any of the information contained in this article or the book. E-mail for [finance@starsosd.mil](mailto:finance@starsosd.mil)

## Money U.



Ralph Nelson

## YOUR MONEY

## When tax deals sound too good to be true ...

**Q.** My boyfriend is thinking of signing up with a "tax elimination" outfit. He owes about \$7,000 in back taxes from a company he owned several years ago, and he keeps looking for an easy way out. I looked on the Better Business Bureau

## Money Talk



**Liz Pulliam Weston** What do you think?  
A. You're obviously the brains of this outfit, so if he persists in this path at least be smart enough not to tie your finances to his.

There are legitimate companies, run by tax pros, which help people negotiate payment plans and settlements with tax authorities. Any company that says upfront it can "eliminate" your tax debt, however, is running a scam.

The IRS unfortunately let these outfits proliferate almost unchecked for years while it worked on an internal reorganiza-

tion, but the agency has recently renewed its efforts to crack down on the fraud and collect back taxes from those who pretended they didn't owe them. Failure to pay can result in fat interest charges, penalties, tax liens and even jail for persistent offenders.

State tax authorities, meanwhile, can be even more aggressive in rooting out deadbeats and so-called tax protesters. Many state budgets are tight these days, and tax agencies are actively looking for ways to beef up their collections.

So now to ask the obvious question: What are you doing with this guy? By your own description, he's someone who looks for the easy way out rather than dealing with his problems.

That doesn't describe a man of character — it describes someone who will fall for every crackpot scheme and get-rich-quick scam that comes his way. Any wealth you try to build over time will be endangered by his lack of principals and, frankly, common

sense. You deserve better.

Q. I have worked hard to earn an excellent FICO score, but I worry that my credit card company may be undermining my efforts. I have used one rebate card for all my retail purchases, and pay it off in full every month to keep my credit balance. The card company has increased my credit limit repeatedly, to the point I could buy a new SUV on the card and still have room for my normal monthly expenses. Does this mean I have a high credit score (mused) limit ever increases when I have a credit score, and should I ask my credit card company to start increasing my limit or reduce it to something more "reasonable"? What's reasonable?

A. The FICO score formula relies on what is seen as a

big gap between the total credit you have available on your revolving accounts and the amount that you're actually using. So having your credit limits raised is generally a good thing for your score, not a bad thing.

Of course, your credit score isn't the only factor lenders consider when making loans.

A mortgage lender, for example, also considers your debt-to-income ratio, among other factors. If the lender decides you have too much available credit relative to your income, it may ask you to close some of your accounts.

What's considered "reasonable" may vary depending on the lender and the details of your financial situation, from how big a down payment you have to how long you've worked at your current job.

Because closing accounts and lowering credit limits can harm your score, though, it isn't something you should generally do unless a lender demands it as a condition of getting a loan. In other words, don't close accounts or lower your limits thinking it will prevent problems; it may create more.

You can always ask your lender to stop raising your limit, if the issue really concerns you. But you'll probably be fine just leaving things as they are.

Liz Pulliam Weston is the author of "Your Credit Score: How to Fix, Improve and Protect the 3-Digit Number that Shapes Your Financial Future." Questions for Money Talk can be submitted to her at 3940 Laurel Canyon Blvd. #238, Studio City, CA 91604 or via her Web site, [www.lizweston.com](http://www.lizweston.com). She regrets that she cannot respond personally to queries. Distributed by No More Red Ink.

## FRIDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

INDEXES						
52-week High	Low	Name	Last	Net Chg	% YTD Chg	% 52-week Chg
10,827.54	9,535.85	Dow Jones Industrial	10,712.12	+17.18	+0.16	+1.71
3,565.73	2,415.45	Dow Jones Transportation	3,572.59	+1.66	+27	+18.80
121.54	77.48	Dow Jones Utilities	120.07	+1.41	+68	+19.50
1,331.32	1,055.81	Dow Jones Composite	1,307.01	+20.01	+15	+12.01
2,153.83	1,755.81	Nasdaq Index	2,137.38	+2.30	+17	+11.99
1,163.22	1,011.20	Nasdaq Composite	1,166.17	+15.13	+76	+17.88
68.46	56.26	S&P 500	67.19	+4.50	+39	+10.72
11,271.20	10,959.28	S&P MidCap	11,049.59	+1.65	+27	+7.63
		S&P SmallCap	1,215.19	+2.15	+17	+12.15
		DJ Wilshire 5000	11,899.30	+26.30	+34	+15.50

## EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Japanese yen (Nov 8)	104.00
South Korean won (Nov 8)	17.00
Euro (Nov 8)	\$1.3121
British pound (Nov 8)	\$1.8189
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	\$1.8551
Dollar (US)	1.1874
Denmark (Krone)	\$7.7796
Egypt (Pound)	6.2720
£1	\$1.2624
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7311
Hungary (Forint)	190.80
Indonesian (Rupiah)	98.99
Israel (Shekel)	4.4368
Japan (Yen)	106.65
£1	0.2947
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## Cents and Sensibility

Save on exchange fees

*CBS MarketWatch*

**NEW YORK** — Exchanging currency can be difficult. If you're not careful, it can also cost you money.

Wait until you reach your destination to change money, recommends Susan Foster in her new book "Smart Packing for Today's Traveler."

Foster says you can pay as much as 10 percent more in fees and poor rates if you're not careful.

Usually, you can get the best exchange rates with your credit card or an ATM machine. ATM networks such as Cirrus and Plus are international — check the back of your ATM card to see if yours is accepted. If you

Dealers in the United States generally charge more than those abroad, so you're better off changing money for initial expenses — taxi fare, etc. — when you arrive at the airport, train station or border to which you're heading.

## KEY DEFENSE STOCKS

Source	DIV	FE	Last	Chg	YTD
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Ameri Heddings	-	20	48.00	+11.1	+25.4
Boeing	80	15	51.15	+5.6	+3.9
Computer Systems	18	58.00	58.00	-	+13.0
Engineered Sys Sps	22	53.18	-	+5.7	3.4
General Dynamics	1.44	10.00	10.00	-	+1.0
General Electric	80	23	35.19	+1.0	+13.6
Halliburton	58	35.00	35.00	+0.3	+2.0
IBM	10	63.44	-	+1.0	+1.0
Alleged Signal	75	22	55.95	+3.8	+7.5
Avco Communications	1.00	21	58.00	+1.0	+1.0
Boeing Aircraft	1.00	21	56.85	+0.8	+10.6
Northrop S	52	19	53.80	+0.3	+12.6
Rockwell International	52	19	37.73	+0.3	+12.6
Rockwell Int'l	66	20	41.15	-1.83	-2.12
Seacorp Corp.	-	44	58.41	+1.57	+15.2
Telex Instruments	18	21	24.03	-	+1.0
United Technologies	1.30	11	57.01	+5.8	+24.5
United Technologies	1.40	18	97.25	+3.10	+2.6

## KEY MUTUAL FUNDS

Name	NAV	Chg.	%Chg.
Fidelity Invest: Grdc	37.37	+1	+6
Fidelity Invest: Grcf	52.66	+22	+5
Fidelity Emer: Cntr	10.86	+1	+1
Fidelity Spartan: Gfcs	41.43	+16	+6
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Frank/Trent Frnk A: SMCPCGA	19.13	+13	+6
AIM Investments A: Cont	21.87	+07	+3
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Fidelity Invest: US81	29.79	+10	+3
Southern Fand: Sns GrnCS	22.21	+68	+5
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# Newman claims 4th straight pole in record style

BY MIKE HARRIS  
The Associated Press

AVONDALE, Ariz. — If Ryan Newman could find a way to shift his qualifying magic to the races he would be a solid contender for the Nextel Cup championship.

Newman, one of 10 drivers who qualified for the new 10-race championship run on NASCAR's top circuit, easily won his series-leading ninth pole of the season and fourth in a row in qualifying Friday.

This one, the 27th pole in 114 races for the racer known as Rocketman, was a record effort. His lap of 135.499 mph in a Dodge on the one-mile Phoenix International Raceway oval, easily topped the mark of 134.178 set in 2000 by teammate Rusty Wallace.

It was Newman's third straight pole here. Unfortunately, for the third-year Cup star, none of the poles this season has resulted in victory. Newman's only win came in June at Michigan, where he started fourth.

His past three poles, which gave him a chance to rebound from some early adversity in the championship chase, have resulted in finishes of 14th, third and 17th. That has left the Penske Racing South driver seventh in the standings heading into Sunday's Checker Auto Parts 500.

Newman hasn't given up despite trailing series leader Kurt Busch by 186 points with only three races remaining.

"We're definitely in the chase mathematically," Newman said. "Is it a long shot? Sure."

Newman is aware of his failure to take advantage of superior starting positions.



Ryan Newman drove his Dodge No. 12 to a lap of 135.499 mph Friday on the one-mile Phoenix International Raceway oval, shattering the mark of 134.178 set in 2000 by Rusty Wallace.

"You win some and you lose some, whether it's on Friday or Sunday," he said. "It's not necessarily disappointing, we just wish we could have capitalized on having the fastest race car."

"There was no doubt who was fastest Friday, when rookie Brian Vickers took the second spot at just 133.879 mph."

"I don't know where they got that speed or traction," Vickers said of Newman's team. "We felt we could have run better but we couldn't have run that fast."

"The last few weeks, that team has found something that nobody else has. Whatever it is, though, it doesn't work in the race. It doesn't last."

Busch qualified an undistinguished 28th, but time trials have not been his forte. He has started no better than seventh in seven races since the title chase began, but has only one finish worse than sixth.

That came last Sunday at Atlanta, where Busch's engine blew early in the race, relegating him to 42nd place and allowing several contenders to close in.

Heading into Sunday's race, Busch leads runner-up Jimmie Johnson — on a three-race winning streak — by 59 points. Four-time series champion Jeff Gordon, Mark Martin and Dale Earnhardt Jr. are within 98 points of the lead.

"It's racing," Busch said of his bad day at Atlanta. "We still believe we've got the upper hand. Those other guys have to catch us."

See starting lineup on Page 39.

# Hendrick airplane did not ascend after failed landing

BY KRISTEN GELINEAU  
The Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — The Hendrick Motorsports plane that crashed last month and killed all 10 aboard missed the approach to the airport and then failed to immediately climb before crashing into a mountain, according to a preliminary report Friday.

The National Transportation Safety Board said the proper procedure after a missed approach at Blue Ridge Regional Airport in Spencer called for the aircraft to maneuver right and climb to 2,600 feet.

Instead, the report said, the Beech 200 King Air descended to 1,800 feet before crashing into the southeast slope of Bull Mountain at an altitude of 2,450 feet.

The plane crashed Oct. 24 en route from Concord, N.C., to Martinsville Speedway. The son, brother and two nieces of owner Rick Hendrick, patriarch of one of NASCAR's top syndicates, was killed. A pilot for NASCAR star Tony Stewart also was among the dead as was the team's general manager and chief engine builder.

Both pilots were experienced, the report said. It does not draw a conclusion on the cause of the crash but does note the plane's global positioning system was not certified for instrument-only

flight and the plane did not have a ground proximity warning system. Witnesses reported the mountain was obscured by clouds and fog.

Pilots of at least 20 other planes, most carrying sponsors and race fans, decided it was too dangerous to land at Blue Ridge Airport at the time and touched down at Danville Regional Airport, where landing in bad weather is easier.

After the plane descended to 1,800 feet, the controller advised the crew to climb to 4,400 feet, the report said. There were no further radio transmissions from the crew.

The plane hit some trees before crashing to the ground. The cockpit was destroyed by the impact, and the cockpit and cabin areas were consumed by post-crash fire, the report said.

One witness about 3 to 4 miles southeast of the mountain reported seeing a plane fly past about 60 to 70 feet above the ground, according to the report.

"When you miss something in bad weather ... the safe thing to do is to get to an altitude where you're not going to run into anything," former NTSB board member John Goglia said.

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# Proposal threatens plan to move Expos to D.C.

## Washington city council chair wants to change location of proposed ballpark

By DERRILL HULLY

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The chair of the District of Columbia Council proposed Friday that a new ballpark be built next to RFK Stadium instead of a site south of the U.S. Capitol, a plan that could cause Major League Baseball to drop the scheduled move to the Montreal Expos to Washington.

Council Chair Linda Cropp made the proposal to cut costs for the new ballpark, which she estimates would be \$600 million on

the original site, far above the estimate in the \$435 million deal Mayor Anthony A. Williams signed in September.

"The costs are going up so high that I believe it will have a negative effect on our business community," Cropp said. "By moving to RFK Stadium, we have an automatic 20 percent reduction in cost."

Washington's contract with the Expos calls for funding for a ballpark at the original site to be approved by Dec. 31. Cropp said there would be an \$83 million sav-

ings in land acquisition under her plan.

"This is going to blow the thing up," said a livid Williams, warning it could undo 30 years worth of efforts to get the city a team to replace the expansion Washington Senators, who became the Texas Rangers after the 1971 season.

Cropp said she is willing to risk losing the Expos if baseball owners refuse to accept the RFK location.

"I would hope that baseball would be extremely reasonable," Cropp said.

Washington's contract with the Expos does not allow for a change in the stadium site without the team's approval.

"We have an agreement with the mayor whereby he has until the 31st of December to obtain passage of the legislation effectuating the stadium agreement," said John McHale Jr., a executive vice president in the commissioner's office who has been involved in planning the move. "Until that time comes, we're not going to get excited."

In another development, base-

ball spokesman Rich Levin said reports in Friday's editions of The Washington Times and USA Today that the Expos would be renamed the Nationals were premature. Levin said other names, such as the Senators, remain under consideration and that baseball still was conducting focus groups.

Cropp's ballpark plan is supported by Council members Carol Schwartz, David Catania and Phil Mendelson. There are 13 members of the Council, and seven must approve a financing plan.

## Ortiz rages Japan with huge blast

By ROB SMAAL

The Associated Press

TOKYO — Even David Ortiz was amazed by this home run — a 514-foot shot that hit the lights down the right-field line.

"I knew when I hit it that I got all of it," the Boston Red Sox slugger said after the major league All-Stars beat the Japanese stars 5-3 Saturday night in Game 2 of their series. "I thought for a second that it might land in the Dominican [Republic]."

Manager Bruce Bochy of the San Diego Padres said he has never seen a home run be hit ever seen in all his years in baseball.

Ortiz, who helped power the Red Sox to a World Series title last month, had his touring team to a 7-2 victory in Friday's opener. A day later, he drew gasps from the Tokyo Dome crowd of 52,000 with his solo homer in the bottom of the fourth off starter Shunsuke Watanabe.

"It felt like he hit that ball almost twice the length of the stadium," said Chiba Lotte Marines



Boston Red Sox slugger David Ortiz watches the flight of his solo home run in Game 2 in the MLB-Japan All-Star series in Tokyo on Saturday.

submariner Watanabe, who gave up six hits and three runs in five innings of work. "You can't make any mistakes against these guys."

Cleveland Indians catcher Victor Martinez singled home pinch-runner Marcus Giles of the Atlanta Braves to break a 3-3 tie in the eighth inning. Brad Wilkerson of the Expos followed with a run-scoring double.

Tampa Bay outfielder Carl Crawford, the MVP of Game 2, went 3-for-4, including a leadoff

homer in the first inning. Crawford also made a spectacular diving catch in the fourth and stole a base in the fifth.

Braves right-hander Chris Reitsma got the win with one inning in relief. Francisco Rodriguez of the Anaheim Angels retired the side in order in the ninth for the save.

The teams meet again Sunday in Tokyo before playing in Fukuoka, Osaka, Sapporo and Nagoya. The eight-game series ends in Tokyo on Nov. 14.

## Cubs sign SS Perez, talk to Garciaparra

By RONALD BLUM

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Chicago Cubs convinced a shortstop to re-sign Friday.

Nope, not Nomar Garciaparra. Neifi Perez agreed to a \$1 million, one-year contract rather than become a free agent. While Cubs General Manager Jim Hendry already started talks with Garciaparra's agent, the



Perez

five-time All-Star wants to explore the free-agent market for the first time in his career.

Perez, a Gold Glove shortstop with Colorado in 2000, hit 371 with two homers and six RBIs in 23 games with the Cubs last season.

"He's a great fit in a lot of ways for us," Hendry said. "He can play an extended period of time for us. We could play him at second or short. He's ideal for a swing role, and he's a great defender off the bench and a runner when he's on base."

Garciaparra was traded to the Cubs on July 31 after spending his entire career — 8½ years — with the Boston Red Sox.

"Our intention was to sign Neifi no matter who it is at shortstop,"

Hendry said. "At what you have a real talented guy coming off the bench filling in."

Rather than allow Ugueth Urbina to become a free agent, the Detroit Tigers exercised the closer's \$4 million option. Signed as a free agent on March 29, Urbina was 4-6 with a 4.50 ERA and 21 saves in his first season with Detroit. He left the team after his mother was kidnapped Sept. 1 in Venezuela.

St. Louis exercised a \$2 million option on right-hander Chris Carpenter, who had filed provisionally for free agency earlier in the week. The 29-year-old right-hander went 11-5 with a 3.46 ERA in 28 starts, but missed the postseason because of nerve

## Free agent roundup

damage to his right biceps on Sept. 18.

Baltimore declined a \$3 million option of left-hander Buddy Groom, who also had filed provisionally, and must pay him a \$250,000 buyout. Groom was 4-1 with a 4.78 ERA in 60 relief appearances for the Orioles last season.

Jon Lieber's \$8 million option was declined by the New York Yankees and the right-hander, who gets a \$250,000 buyout, was among six players who filed Friday.

Lieber, recovering from elbow ligament replacement surgery in 2003, began spring training as the Yankees' fifth starter and rose to No. 2 by the playoffs. He went 14-8 with a 4.33 ERA in 27 starts during the regular season and was 1-1 with a 3.43 ERA in three starts during the postseason.

Mets left-hander Al Leiter filed provisionally. New York has until Nov. 15 to exercise a \$10 million option or elect to pay a \$2 million buyout. While it appears unlikely the team will exercise the option, the sides may agree to a new deal.

"It's a formality," new Mets general manager Omar Minaya said.

"We spoke to his agent today. We're negotiating, and we're still hopeful to strike a deal on July 8 back next year."

Leiter, who turned 39 last month, was 9-8 with a 3.21 ERA in 30 starts this season.

Pittsburgh right-hander Brian Boehringer also filed provisionally, awaiting a decision by the Pirates on his \$3 million option, which is not likely to be exercised. Boehringer, who would get a \$300,000 buyout, was 1-1 with a 4.00 ERA in 21 relief appearances.

A total of 201 players have filed, and six more remain eligible to file before Thursday's deadline, including Houston pitcher Roger Clemens, who still hasn't decided whether he will retire. Free agents can start discussing money with all teams next Friday.

## Berkman may miss start of season

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Houston Astros outfielder Lance Berkman may miss the start of next season after tearing the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee while playing flag football.

Berkman will have surgery within 10 days, the Astros said Friday, and will need five to six months to recover. The injury occurred during a church-related function, new Astros General Manager Tim Lincecum said.

A three-time NL All-Star, Berkman hit .316 this season with 30 homers and 106 RBIs. Berkman, who made his major league debut in 1999, has a 303 career average with 156 homers and 535 RBIs.

Berkman is eligible for salary



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arbitration and can become a free agent after next season. The Astros had been working to sign him to a long-term deal.

## Baldelli has knee surgery

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Tampa Bay Devil Rays center fielder Rocco Baldelli had surgery Friday to repair a torn ligament in his left knee.

Devil Rays head trainer Ken Crenshaw and team doctors said Baldelli will be able to play again in six to nine months.

Baldelli injured the knee on Oct. 24 while playing baseball with his younger brother at his home in Cumberland, R.I.

## Progress in World Cup talks

TOKYO — Officials from Japan, South Korea and Major League Baseball made significant progress Friday in talks aimed at setting up a World Cup tournament in 2006.

Commissioners of professional leagues in Japan and South Korea met Friday with Bob DuPuy, Major League Baseball's chief operating officer.

"Everyone expressed support for a global baseball tournament," said Jim Small, managing director of Major League Baseball's Japan office. "We did not announce a World Cup tournament but made significant progress toward that end. A lot of work still needs to be done."

# Hot Steelers zero in on Eagles

BY DAVE GOLDBERG  
The Associated Press

A week ago, the Pittsburgh Steelers faced a daunting double, playing the NFL's two unbeaten teams, albeit at home. They got through the first half by easily beating New England, ending the Patriots' 21-game winning streak, and now get Philadelphia (7-0).

Don't look for a letdown. "We'll be fine," coach Bill Cowher says. "We aren't going to squander what we have created for ourselves. We'll be ready to go, trust me."

The Eagles are favored by 1½ points, even on the road against a 6-1 team. That's a measure of the regard in which Philadelphia is held against a team that has won five in a row with rookie quarterback Ben Roethlisberger.

The things are getting harder for the Eagles.

They won their first five games by 10 points or more, including wins the first two weeks over the Giants and Vikings, who with Atlanta are the closest teams to

them in the NFC. But not too close — all have two losses.

Their past two wins have been a lot tougher, in overtime in Cleveland and 15-10 last week at home over Baltimore. That makes this their third straight game against a team from the AFC North.

There's a personal angle here too, although not as intense as the wounding last week between Terrell Owens and Ray Lewis. Duce Staley, who always thought he was underutilized during seven seasons in Philadelphia, is having an outstanding season as the Steelers' principle running back, averaging 4.7 yards per carry.

So the Steelers give the 72 Dolphins something to cheer about in a season in which they can hardly find anything positive about the current Miami team.

## STEELERS, 20-17.

**Minnesota (plus 6) at Indianapolis (Monday night):** Daunte Culpepper vs. Peyton Manning means yet another shootout for the Colts, who are averaging 31 points a game, best in the league, but surrendering 25, fourth worst. That means the Vikings will score even without Randy Moss. ... **COLTS, 42-34.**

**New England (minus 2½) at St. Louis:** The Patriots will be without Ty Law and maybe Corey Dillon, and the Rams will be rested after an off week. But the winning-streak pressure is off now for New England and St. Louis is a model of inconsistency. ... **PATRIOTS, 24-20.**

**Houston (plus 6) at Denver:** The Texans are over .500 for the first time in their history. The Broncos have played badly in two straight losses. Given the NFL's unpredictability ... **BRONCOS, 20-16.**



Wide receiver Plaxico Burress celebrates his touchdown during Pittsburgh's victory over previously undefeated New England last week. The Steelers (6-1) host the Philadelphia Eagles (7-0) on Sunday.

**Cleveland (plus 6) at Baltimore:** The Browns upset the Ravens 20-3 on opening day. ... **RAVENS, 20-3.**

**New York Jets (minus 3) at Buffalo:** The people who doubt the Jets point to their schedule. All they can do is play the teams the league tells them to. ... **JETS, 24-17.**

**Tampa Bay:** The Chiefs have scored 101 points in their past two games. Tampa Bay's defense is better than that. ... **CHIEFS, 23-22.**

**New Orleans (plus 6) at San Diego:** The spread shows how high the Chargers have risen. ... **CHARGERS, 34-24.**

**Chicago (plus 9) at New York Giants:** In pregame coachspeak, Tom Coughlin makes these Bears sound like the '85 version. Come on, Tom. ... **GIANTS, 27-6.**

**Washington (plus 3½) at De-**

**troit:** The Redskins got beaten by the zebras last week. This week, the Lions will do it. ... **LIONS, 17-12.**

**Seattle (minus 7) at San Francisco:** Tim Rattay might play for the 49ers, giving them some offense. But not enough. ... **SEA-HAWKS, 28-20.**

**Dallas (minus 1) at Cincinnati:** The Cowboys found their ground game against Detroit. It should be there against the Bengals, too. ... **COWBOYS, 28-20.**

**Oakland (plus 6) at Carolina:** Extra motivation for the Panthers: John Fox and Al Davis dislike each other. ... **PANTHERS, 27-17.**

**Arizona (plus 3) at Miami:** When was the last time the Dolphins had more wins than the Cardinals? ... **CARDINALS, 20-10.**

**Last week: 9-5 (spread), 9-5 (straight up).**

**Season: 60-54-2 (spread), 76-40 (straight up).**

## Files: Kobe's accuser talked of filing suit

The Associated Press

**DENVER** — A month after a hotel worker accused NBA star Kobe Bryant of rape, she allegedly told a friend that she was considering suing him in civil court and planned to use any money she won for breast implants, a kooala bear and opening a recording studio.

The details came in testimony from Sean Holloway, who knew the then-19-year-old woman from the University of Northern

Colorado in Greeley, according to court documents released Friday. During a closed hearing March 2, defense attorney Hal Haddon asked Holloway about a conversation with the woman near the end of July 2003, about a month after the alleged assault.

Haddon asked whether the woman had mentioned the possibility of a civil lawsuit.

"She said that after the case was over it was something that she was most likely going to do," Holloway said.

He testified the woman, an aspiring singer, wanted to use any award money to open a recording studio and to pay for breast augmentation surgery for herself and a friend. He also said she would buy a kooala bear for another friend who liked the animals.

It is unclear whether District Judge Terry Ruckriegle had ruled on the prosecutor's request to limit Holloway's testimony before prosecutors dropped the case against Bryant on Sept. 1 after the woman said she no longer wanted to participate.

The woman filed a civil suit against Bryant in federal court for what she says have been months of pain and suffering since the alleged assault at a Vail-area resort where she once worked.

Holloway's testimony was contained in some 500 pages of documents among previously sealed documents.

## Capriati, Venus ousted

**VILLANOVA, Pa.** — Venus Williams and Jennifer Capriati lost their shots at qualifying for the WTA Tour Championships with losses Friday in the Advanta tournament.

Top-seeded Amelie Mauresmo beat Williams 7-5, 5-7, 6-1. Vera Zvonareva ousted Capriati 6-0, 6-1 in their quarterfinals match. Zvonareva will face Nadia Petrova in the semifinals.

## Bengals lose WR Warrick

The Associated Press

**CINCINNATI** — Bengals wide receiver Peter Warrick is out for the year after injuring his left shin in the season opener.

The injury was believed to have been a serious shin bruise at first but was later diagnosed as a cracked bone.

Warrick was hurt against the New York Jets.

He has 11 catches for 127 yards this season.

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# Patriots try to get back on winning track

## New England faces Rams in 2002 Super Bowl rematch

By R.B. FALLSTROM

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — The last time the St. Louis Rams and New England Patriots played, everything was at stake.

In their heyday as the Greatest Show on Turf, the Rams were the oddsmakers' two-touchdown favorite in the 2002 Super Bowl. They were one of the biggest favorites to fail, losing 20-17 on Adam Vinatieri's 47-yard field goal as time expired.

"I still remember just turning around and watching that ball sail through the uprights and all of that confetti falling in the wrong color," defensive tackle Tyoka Jackson said. "That's the memory I'll think of always."

Not all of the Rams who were around then have that same depth of feeling. Wide receiver Isaac Bruce said the only thing special about facing the Patriots for the first time since then. He doesn't even think about the game that could have solidified the Rams as one of the great offensive forces in league history.

St. Louis won its first Super Bowl after the 1999 season and was attempting to win two championships in a three-year span — something the Patriots subsequently did.

"I don't hold any grudges,"



Bruce said. "It's spilled milk and the milk's been cleaned up, so you just move on."

Now, the focus is more on the Patriots' amazing record than when. New England (6-1) had won an NFL-record 18 straight games and 21 in a row counting the postseason before collapsing under the weight of four turnovers in a 34-20 loss to the Steelers last week.

The loss was the Patriots' first since Sept. 28, 2003 against the Redskins.

Understandably, they're more proud of accomplishing what the Rams couldn't: those two Super Bowl wins.

"We've always said that you're defined in this league by championships, and not how many regular season games you win in a row," linebacker Mike Vrabel said. "People always remember

the champion, and that's our goal every year."

The Rams (4-3) had known Bill Belichick was building something special earlier in the 2001 season when they won 24-17 at New England. After that game, coach Mike Martz referred to them as a Super Bowl-caliber team, and earlier in the game week he called Belichick a "Hall of Fame coach."

"I mean this sincerely when I tell you that he's the standard we're all trying to get to," Martz said. "He may be as good as there's ever been."

Belichick returns the favor, admitting he's borrowed aspects of the Rams' offense over the years. "Don't get me wrong, we're not the Rams — not even close," Belichick said. "The things that we do, we've definitely studied a lot of what they've done, and used some of it as it applies to what we do."

To start a new streak, the Patriots will have to control an offense that while still greatly respected isn't as dynamic as it used to be. The Rams were held to 14 points by the previously winless Dolphins two weeks ago in their last game before a week off, and are averaging 22 points per game — although as they showed three weeks ago during a 19-point burst in the final 5½ minutes against the Seahawks, they're still dangerous.



New England Patriots coach Bill Belichick reacts in the final seconds of a 34-20 loss to the Pittsburgh Steelers last Sunday in Pittsburgh. The loss ended the Patriots' 21-game winning streak.

"It's a very explosive offense," Belichick said. "Mike has done a great job of developing it and utilizing the different people."

The Patriots will be at a disadvantage because neither of their starting cornerbacks will be available. Ty Law will miss four to six weeks with a broken bone in his left foot sustained in the Steelers loss, and Tyrone Poole is out with a knee injury.

That could hurt one of their trademarks, a physical style of play at the line of scrimmage that has frustrated wide receivers over the years. Although Bruce claims to have moved on from the Super Bowl loss, he remembers being slow to adapt to such rough-house tactics.

"I put it on myself for not realiz-

ing what type of game was going to be played in that Super Bowl," Bruce said. "I really didn't realize it until the third quarter that the referees were going to allow what was going on to go on."

Another disadvantage: The Patriots will be facing a team coming off a bye for the second straight week. And the Rams are 4-0 after the bye under Martz for a combined score of 156-57.

Part of the reason is the Rams are fresh. Their off week was extremely light: three days of weight lifting and running, but no practices.

A plan for the Patriots is that running back Corey Dillon could be back from a thigh injury that sidelined him last week. He's still seventh in the NFL with 637 yards and a 4.9-yard average.

# Collins returns to Carolina a changed man

## His troubles behind him, Raiders quarterback to start against Panthers for first time

By JENNA FRYER

The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Kerry Collins' last very public appearance in Charlotte was almost six years ago, when he swaggered out of jail with a cigar in his mouth following a drunk driving arrest.

His days as quarterback of the Carolina Panthers were over by then, and that 1998 incident seemed to indicate his NFL career was headed to a close, too.

Instead, it marked the beginning of a turnaround for Collins. He quit drinking, sought help for alcoholism and embarked on a comeback that took him to a Super Bowl with the New York Giants.

He'll come full circle Sunday when he returns to Charlotte as quarterback of the Oakland Raiders (2-6). He'll line up against the Carolina Panthers (1-6) for the first time in his career.

Collins is a far different man today than he was when the Panthers made him the first pick in franchise history in 1995.

"Before, when I was in Carolina, I was searching for peace and I looked in all of the wrong places," Collins said. "But now, I feel I couldn't be happier with where my life is and a lot of it had to do with the changes I made."



**Oakland Raiders quarterback Kerry Collins, the first draft pick in Carolina Panthers history, has come a long way since being branded a drunk, a quitter and a racist in Charlotte.**

Today, Collins is married and the proud father of a 9-month-old girl. He has been sober for five years. Back then, he was a pseudo celebrity in small-town Charlotte, the party guy who led Carolina into the NFC championship game.

By the time he walked into locker room 300 at the Panthers' office midway through the 1998 season and said his heart was no longer into the game, he had been labeled a drunk, a quitter and a racist because of an off-color remark he said to a teammate during a drunken stupor at training camp.

Nothing changed when New Orleans picked up Collins that season and brought him back to Charlotte as a backup quarterback. He stayed behind after the game, got drunk and got arrested.

Soon after, Collins realized he had to straighten out. "I think I realized if I continued doing what I was doing then I was going to be out of the NFL," Collins said. "It hit me one day and I realized the lifestyle I was living was going to ruin my career and ruin a great opportunity."

"I think it really was something that hit me one day. I realized that alcohol was what was causing all of the problems and I realized I needed a change."

Collins married a woman from nearby Concord, N.C., and makes his offseason home on a 1,562-acre farm in Montgomery County. It's a working cattle farm, and Collins owns 200 head of registered Black Angus.

"It's a place where I really feel at home," Collins said.

"Regardless of what happened with my career there in Charlotte, there are a lot of things I really, really like about the area."

These days, Collins' struggles are on the field. He has thrown 11 interceptions and five touchdown

passes while losing all five starts with the Raiders.

One solace for him might be that Carolina is also struggling.

The Panthers have lost five consecutive games and are searching for their first home win of the season. They are 0-3 at Bank of America Stadium, and for whatever reason, the Panthers have never been unbeatable on their home turf. Although Carolina was 6-2 at home last season, the Panthers were just 8-16 the previous three years.

"You want to win your home games. You're supposed to have an advantage when you play at home," defensive end Julius Peppers said. "You don't want anybody to come in and get a win in your stadium, but sometimes you can't control what happens on the field."

If Carolina doesn't turn it around, the Panthers know they'll lose their fan support.

"If you ain't giving the fans nothing to be excited about, they're not going to come," defensive tackle Brentson Buckner said. "It's hard to ask somebody to sit down in a stadium on Sunday when it's 60 degrees and raining and cheer if they don't feel they are getting anything to cheer about."

"This is a production business, even for fans. Fans like winning."

# Vikings meet Colts without wideout Moss

The Associated Press

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — Minnesota Vikings star Randy Moss will miss a game for the first time in his NFL career, sitting out Monday night against the Indianapolis Colts with a strained right hamstring.

Moss traveled with the team to Indianapolis, he'll sit upstairs in the coaches' booth, Vikings coach Mike Tice said Saturday.

Moss was downgraded to doubtful on the injury report; his hamstring improved this week, but he has not practiced. The wide receiver was hurt shortly before halftime of the Vikings' game at New Orleans on Oct. 17, and he has played just 11 snaps over the last 10 quarters with zero catches. He has 26 receptions for 394 yards and eight touchdowns this season for the Vikings (5-2).

A seven-year veteran, Moss has had recurring ankle sprains throughout his career and was bothered by a sore foot at the end of last season. But he has played in every game — preseason, regular season and playoffs — for the Vikings since they drafted him with the 21st overall pick in 1998.



# Haas leads Tour Championship by two

## Woods trails by three after second-round 64; Singh behind by seven

BY DOUG FERGUSON

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — The Tour Championship suddenly is loaded with optimism for Jay Haas and Tiger Woods.

Haas turns 51 next month, making him the oldest player to qualify for this All-Star Game. For those wondering when he'll start playing with guys his own age, Haas again showed no signs of slowing down with a 4-under 66, giving him a two-shot lead over Stephen Ames.

"If I was 50 and sitting at home, nobody would be talking about me," Haas said about the constant references to his age. "I'm just glad I've got a parking spot out there and they let me off this week."

The way he finished Friday at East Lake — a nifty par save from 60 feet away in a bunker, followed by a slick 12-foot birdie on the 18th — Haas looked as if he might be able to end 11 years and 276 tournaments without winning.

"It's way too early to get too excited about it," said Haas, who was at 7-under 133. "But I haven't done it with smoke and mirrors. I've played solid golf, and that gives me encouragement for the weekend."

Woods has been hammered all year for changing the swing that made him the only professional to win four straight majors. His only victory this year came in the Match Play Championship in late February. And with Vijay Singh dominating golf, Woods has become a forgotten man.

That changed Friday when he made two birdies with stunning recovery shots, never came seriously close to a bogey and matched his best score of the year, a bogey-free 64 that left him three shots behind.

"There are risks to getting better," Woods said. "I've always taken risks to try and become a better golfer, and that's one of the things that's got me as far as I have."

Woods got into contention with an array of exciting shots. One was a 6-iron off pine straw that he hooked under a tree to within 20 feet for birdie on No. 5. The other came on the 16th, the toughest hole at East Lake, where he hit an 8-iron from 203 yards over pine trees to 12 feet.

"I played myself right back into the tournament," Woods said.

U.S. Open champion Retief Goosen had a 66 and joined Woods at 4-under 136.

Singh has some catching up to

do if he wants to end the year with 10 victories. The 41-year-old Fijian took 35 puts on a cool, breezy afternoon and shot 73, ending his streak of 14 rounds at par or better. That left Singh in 17th place among 30 players, seven shots out of the lead.

Singh did not stop to comment, heading to his home on the range.

Almost as impressive as his score was the way Haas finished. The final three holes are among the toughest at East Lake, and they knocked Mike Weir and Zach Johnson off the leader board.

Weir was at 6-under and in the lead until a bogey-bogey-double bogey finish, taking four shots from just behind the 18th green to sink to a 69 and finish at 2-under. Johnson was at 5-under until he ran into problems on the 16th, hitting an air ball with his wedge from behind the green and making triple bogey.

Haas has accomplished about all he could have imagined in the two years since his career got fresh legs. He played on the Presidents Cup team last year. He became the second oldest player in the Ryder Cup at Oakland Hills in September. He became the oldest player in the Tour Championship, for only the top 30 players on the money list.

The only thing missing is a trophy.

Despite not winning for the past eight months, Woods has been in this position before, but has not been able to hold onto a 36-hole lead or make up ground.

In his first tournament since getting married Oct. 5, the former No. 1 player in the world was hopeful that swing changes are starting to produce positive results. And in some of his frankest answers about his swing, he offered no apologies about leaving Butch Harmon for swing coach Hank Haney.

"If I play my best, I'm pretty tough to beat," Woods said. "I would like to play my best more frequently, and that's the whole idea. That's why you make changes. I thought that I could become more consistent and play at a higher level more often."

"Trust me, I've been down this road before," said Woods, who overhauled his swing after winning the '97 Masters. "I'm starting to see some of the fruits now, which is great."

It certainly showed Friday, when he never came seriously close to making bogey. He still couldn't find the short grass off the tee, hitting only five fairways, but Woods did not repeat what he called "silly mistakes" from the



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Despite ranking next-to-last in driving accuracy through two rounds of the Tour Championship (32 percent), Tiger Woods has been bailed out by fine recovery shots (69 percent greens in regulation) and his putter (28 putts in each of the first two rounds).

first round, instead keeping the ball on the proper side of the green.

Singh took a step backward. He three-putted for bogey three times, and kept the damage to a minimum on No. 13 by inverting his iron to play a left-handed shot from next to a tree.

"The photo is actually woven into the blanket so wash after wash the image will never fade."

### Family

Baby  
Toddler  
Mom&Dad  
Grandma&Gramps



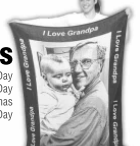
### Pets

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Horse  
Cat  
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## Sorenstam in position to win 4th consecutive Mizuno title

The Associated Press

OTSU, Japan — Annika Sorenstam moved into position for her record-tying fourth consecutive Mizuno Classic title, shooting 6-under 66 on Saturday to take a four-stroke lead into the final round.

The Swedish star, trying to match the LPGA Tour record of four straight victories in a tournament set by Laura Davies in the 1994-97 Standard Register Ping,



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Annika Sorenstam made seven birdies and one bogey Saturday in shooting a 66 and taking a four-stroke lead into the final round of the Mizuno Classic.

### Golf roundup

birdied Nos. 17 and 18 — both par 5s — for the second straight day to finish at 15-under 129.

"I know I have an opportunity to make history, and obviously I look forward to that, but it is one thing at a time," Sorenstam said.

Japan's Chihiro Nakajima, tied for the first-round lead with Sorenstam after a 63, shot 70 to fall to second place on the Seta Golf Course.

Grace Park, coming off a five-stroke victory over Sorenstam and Carin Koch last week in the CJ Nine Bridges Classic in South Korea, shot 69 to finish at 8-under along with Davies (69), Arree Song (70), Jamie Hullett (67), Candie Kung (67), Chieko Amanuma (67) and Junkoimoto (67). Koch was 7-under after a 67.

### Thongchai leads in Vietnam

HANOI, Vietnam — Thongchai Jaidee of Thailand shot 8-under 64 Saturday to take a two-stroke lead after the third round of the inaugural Vietnam Masters.

Thongchai had a three-round total of 12-under 204 in the communist nation's first professional golf tournament. He made eight birdies to take the top spot from Angelo Que of the Philippines, who shot 70 and fell to second. Corey Pavin, the 1995 U.S. Open champion, shot 71 and trails by six shots.

# Alconbury claims first D-IV volleyball crown

## Heidelberg, Ansbach, Aviano also win European championship titles

BY JESSICA INIGO

Stars and Stripes

VOGELWEH, Germany — Alconbury, Ansbach, Aviano and Heidelberg claimed divisional titles in the DODDS-Europe volleyball tournament on Saturday.

### Division IV

Saturday's games, the culmination of three-day tournaments played in gyms across the Kaiserslautern military community, marked the first time the Department of Defense and international schools were divided into four divisions to give the smallest schools a better chance of winning a title.

Alconbury made the most of its opportunity.

The Dragons, who entered play as the top seed, defeated American School of Milan 25-20, 20-25,

15-22, 25-16. They began celebrating as soon as the final point was scored.

"We worked so hard to get here. Last year we lost when we came here. This is how it's supposed to be," said backup setter Aja Brown, as her teammates cheered behind her.

Brown said the entire team started practicing well before the season to help ensure this win.

Coach Lisa Westlake said the team had "a lot of maturity and composure," both of which were needed after dropping the third set to second-seeded Milan. The Dragons rebounded strongly to make sure this year the title did not slip away.

### Division III

Crowd-favorite Ansbach knocked off top-seeded Baumholder in a tight match, 25-22, 25-21, 25-23.

Coach Kari M. Dowis said the victory was especially sweet for her four seniors, who had failed to get by in the past.

"This is the first time in a long time that we've won the European championship," said middle hitter Brittney Britton, one of the Cougar seniors.

"We were down sometimes, but we pulled back-together and did it."

### Division II

Aviano's win capped off a great season that saw it lose only once — to Black Forest Academy in tournament play.

Aviano defeated Patch 25-18, 25-21, 25-19 before a raucous crowd that cheered throughout the match.

"It doesn't get any better than this," coach Hans Hillestead said after his Saints finished off third-seeded Patch.

He said that the two seniors on his team worked their entire high school careers to make it to this point.

Ashley Mead, a senior middle blocker, was teary-eyed after the Saints won their first European title of her high school career.

"Winning never felt so good," she said.

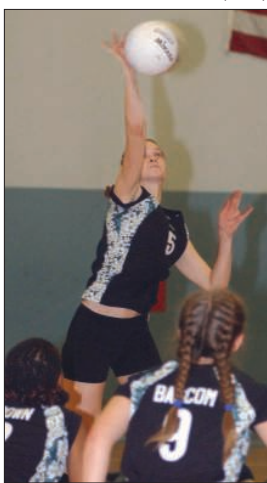
### Division I

Heidelberg, which entered the tournament as the fourth seed, rolled to victory in its first two games in the Division I final, but had to win a nail-biter to finish off Frankfurt International School 25-16, 25-18, 25-23.

The key to Heidelberg's win was teamwork, outside hitter Natasha Holan said after she and her teammates finished singing a victory chorus of "We Are the Champions" by Queen.

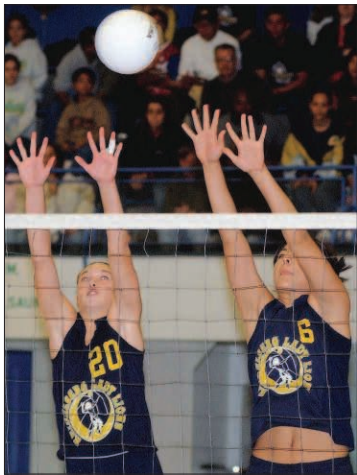
"We had beat them before, but we were still nervous," Holan said of third-seeded FIS. "They put up a good game."

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Clockwise from above: Baumholder's Ashley Karayannis, left, taps back a shot by Brittney Britton, right, during the Division III championship match won by Ansbach in Kaiserslautern on Saturday; Heidelberg's Courtney Sharpe, left, and Natasha Holan go up for a block in the D-I title victory over FIS; Alconbury players, along with coach Lisa Westlake, second from left, celebrate their Division IV DODDS volleyball title after defeating Milan; Alconbury's Katie Schonder leaps high for a spike. In the foreground are teammates Aja Brown, left, and Carly Bascom.





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SHAPE's Josh Gray is tackled by ISB's Adam Shpiro on a punt return during the DODDS-Europe Division II championship game in Baumholder, Germany, on Saturday. SHAPE defeated ISB 31-0 to win its second straight title.

# SHAPE shuts out ISB 31-0

## Spartans roll over Raiders to win second straight Division II championship

BY RUSTY BRYAN

Stars and Stripes

BAUMHOLDER, Germany — The SHAPE Spartans left their second Super Six high school football championship favoring their second straight European Division II title.

It came in a 31-0 victory over previously unbeaten International School of Brussels in the opening game of Saturday's tripleheader of European championship games, and experience was the key.

"We have a great group of seniors," SHAPE coach Kregg Kappenman said after his Spartans avenged a 15-8 regular-season loss to the Raiders on Oct. 2. "I made notes all over my play card to get the ball to our seniors today."

Kappenman did just that, calling Richard Rendon's number at tailback 12 times. Rendon responded with 172 yards and two touchdowns, one of them a 53-yarder.

Rendon's run followed a 28-yard Marvin Coombs field goal and helped SHAPE erase — make that obliterate — the memory of two drive-stopping fumbles

### Wiesbaden wins Div. I title

Senior running back Paul Fry rushed for four touchdowns and Loris Seiber kicked three field goals as Wiesbaden rolled to a 37-7 victory over previously unbeaten Heidelberg in the DODDS-Europe Division I championship Saturday night.

Wiesbaden lost to Ramstein 7-6 in last year's championship. The Warriors averaged a 32-19 loss to Heidelberg during the regular season, a game Wiesbaden led 19-6.

Wiesbaden hit 5-0 at halftime and was up 31-0 in the third quarter when Heidelberg got its lone score.

That touchdown did not come easily. The Lions had to convert two fourth downs on the drive before hitting pay dirt.

Full details will be in Monday's edition of Stars and Stripes.

in their own territory the rest of the game.

"I couldn't have done it without the offensive line," Rendon said of his big game. "It all starts with them."

Saturday, the line was the beginning of everything for SHAPE and the end of everything for ISB.

The interior of seniors Ben Frank, Matt Anderson, Curtis Green, Ian Cummings and junior Keith Wagner sprang seven different SHAPE runners for 383 yards, just under nine yards per carry. On defense, they limited the Raiders to 42 yards on 26 rushing attempts.

"Today, we had our A-game," Frank said of the line. His coach agreed.

"We dominated on both sides of the ball," Kappenman said.

Kappenman said he wasn't surprised by his team's turnaround from last month's loss to ISB.

"Last game, they hurt us in the secondary," he said. "With our linebackers and D-line, we knew they couldn't run on us, so we made some adjustments in the secondary — went to some zones."

The coverages worked perfectly as SHAPE picked off four ISB passes and dropped two other

rain-slick balls on what appeared to be sure picks.

And as expected, ISB runners found little daylight, especially with Rendon, who played linebacker on defense and slashed through to blow up Raider attempts to go wide on five occasions for 22 yards in losses.

For Rendon, time No. 2 was a great experience. It may be one he will not have again.

"This might be my last football game," he said, perhaps unconsciously speaking for his fellow seniors.

"I decided to give it my all."

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### SHAPE 31, ISB 0

Division II championship (Saturday at Baumholder)

SHAPE	Second quarter	0	17	14	0	31
ISB		0	0	0	0	0
SHA-Marin Coombs 28 field goal, 2:24						
SHA-Rendon 51 run (Coombs kick) 6:08						
SHA-Joe Putnam 1 run (Coombs kick) 3:39						
SHA-Steve Small 15 run (Coombs kick) 1:48						
ISB	First downs	6	26	42	45	38
ISB	Passing att-yds	25	42	38	10	119
ISB	Passing yards	52	27	4	3	86
ISB	Comp-Att	9-27	4-14	3-13	1-3	17-57
ISB	Fumbles-lost	4-2	3-1	3-3	1-3	11-13
ISB	Comp-Att	9-27	4-14	3-13	1-3	17-57
ISB	Penalties-yds	1-8	3-8	6-39	1-8	10-60

## Colts, Vikes ready for offensive fireworks

BY MICHAEL MAROT

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Peyton Manning leads the AFC in passer rating and touchdown passes this season. Daunte Culpepper has done the same in the NFC.

Now each quarterback may have to perform perfectly.

When the Indianapolis Colts and Minnesota Vikings meet Monday night, Manning and Culpepper know there will be a little margin for error. One failed drive won't be just another lost opportunity; it could be the difference between winning and losing.

"As an offense we have high goals and expectations," Manning said. "We're disappointed when we punt because we feel we're better than that."

The game could be one of this season's most entertaining.

Indianapolis (4-3) and Minnesota (5-2) both rank among the NFL's top offenses and worst defenses, setting up an anticipated shootout between two teams that need a victory.

The Vikings had a four-game winning streak end last week while the Colts are trying to snap their first two-game skid in almost two years.

On paper, the teams look alike. Indianapolis (4-3) has Manning, last year's co-MVP; Marvin Harrison, a five-time Pro Bowler and the NFL record-holder for most receptions in a season; Edgerin James, a two-time NFL rushing champ; and Reggie Wayne and Brandon Stokley, who have become consistent targets this year.

Minnesota (5-2) counters with Culpepper, a two-time Pro Bowl starter, and three potentially dangerous running backs: Mewelde Moore, Michael Bennett and Otis Smith, who is returning after a four-game substance-abuse suspension.

But coach Mike Tice said Saturday that Randy Moss, the league's biggest deep threat receiver, would sit out Monday's game with a strained right hamstring. "If he doesn't play, the Vikings looked like a different team in last week's 34-13 loss to the New York Giants, which is why the Vikings game contains contingency plans."

"I'm hoping they don't score 40 points," Tice said. "You have to be prepared to stop them. Does it happen? Not always. I just hope we can slow them down because I don't think you can stop them."

During the first half of the season, the Colts' biggest opponent has been their defense.

While averaging a league-high 31.1 points and punting the second-fewest times in the NFL (22), the Colts simply cannot stay on the field long enough.

Opponents have usually played keepaway against a defense near on a record-setting pace for yards allowed and which has yielded the fourth-highest scoring average (25.4) in the NFL.



## SPORTS



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against Rams in rematch  
of 2002 Super Bowl, Page 44

# Ansbach runs streak to 24

## Cougars claim third straight Division III championship

BY ALEX STEELE

Special to Stars and Stripes

BAUMHOLDER, Germany — It takes more than the home field to stop the Ansbach Cougars.

Despite playing for the DODDS-Europe Division III football championship on Baumholder's field, the relentless Cougars rolled to a 54-14 victory.

The mercy-rule victory gave Ansbach its 24th straight win and third straight Division III title.

Ansbach is only the fourth team to earn a football three-peat, and it moves closer to the longest winning streak in DODDS-Europe history — Ramstein's 26 consecutive games.

"This feels great," said running back James Esters, one of Ansbach's 14 seniors.

"Having such a small school and losing 14 seniors really leaves a hole in the team," coach Gary Fietler said. "It's been an amazing three years, but we knew it had to come to an end."

"It's so incredible. They're a great group of guys."

Ansbach rushed 33 times for 485 yards. Six different players scored for the Cougars, demonstrating the versatility that made them so unbeatable.

Dameon Outley led Ansbach with 185 yards rushing and three touchdowns. Esters added 176 yards on 10 carries.

And although Ansbach will be losing a talented core, it has players waiting to step in. One of the Cougars' touchdowns came from freshman Dominique Whaley (seven carries, 75 yards), and another came off a 28-yard pass from freshman John Willis-Morris to sophomore David Mason.

Baumholder finally got on the scoreboard after falling behind 36-0. Rashad Taylor scored on a 20-yard run, and added another touchdown later in the second half, but it was way too little.

Although Mike Ewing, last year's DODDS athlete of the year, didn't score for Ansbach, he still had plenty to say after the win.

"It's like a dream come true," he said. "I want to say thank you to the team and coaches for giving this to the seniors."

Added Esters, who joined the team during the second year of the three-peat, "This is for the seniors."

Alex Steele works as a Stars and Stripes sports clerk.



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Ansbach's Dominique Whaley (31) is pursued by Baumholder defenders during the DODDS-Europe Division III title game on Saturday in Baumholder, Germany. Ansbach rolled to its 24th straight victory and third straight Division III championship, 54-14.



**Heidelberger repeats in Div. I volleyball**  
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## Saturday's honor roll

### DODDS-Europe football championships

Division III	
Ansbach .....	54
Baumholder .....	14

Division II	
SHAPE .....	31
ISB .....	0

Division I	
Wiesbaden .....	37
Heidelberger .....	7

### DODDS-Europe volleyball championships

Division I	
Heidelberger def. Frankfurt International School 25-16, 25-18, 25-23	

Division II	
Aviano def. Patch 25-18, 25-21, 25-19	

Division III	
Ansbach def. Baumholder 25-22, 25-21, 25-23	

Division IV	
Alconbury def. American School of Milan 25-20, 20-25, 15-22, 25-16	



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